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THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL TIME

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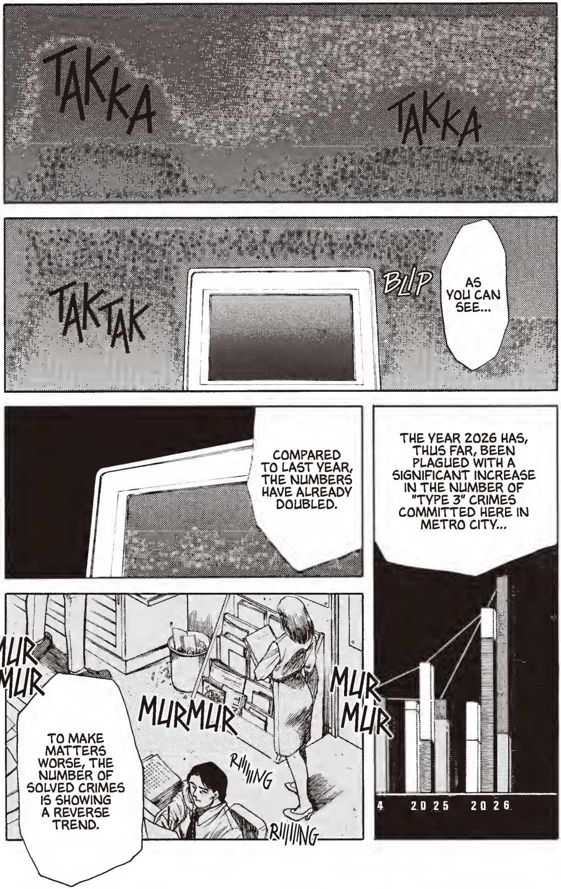
TAKKA
TAKKA
BLIP
AS YOU CAN SEE...
TAKTAK
THE YEAR 2026 HAS, THUS FAR, BEEN PLAGUED WITH A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF "TYPE 3" CRIMES COMMITTED HERE IN METRO CITY...
COMPARED TO LAST YEAR, THE NUMBERS HAVE ALREADY DOUBLED.
4
2025
2026
MURMUR
MURMUR
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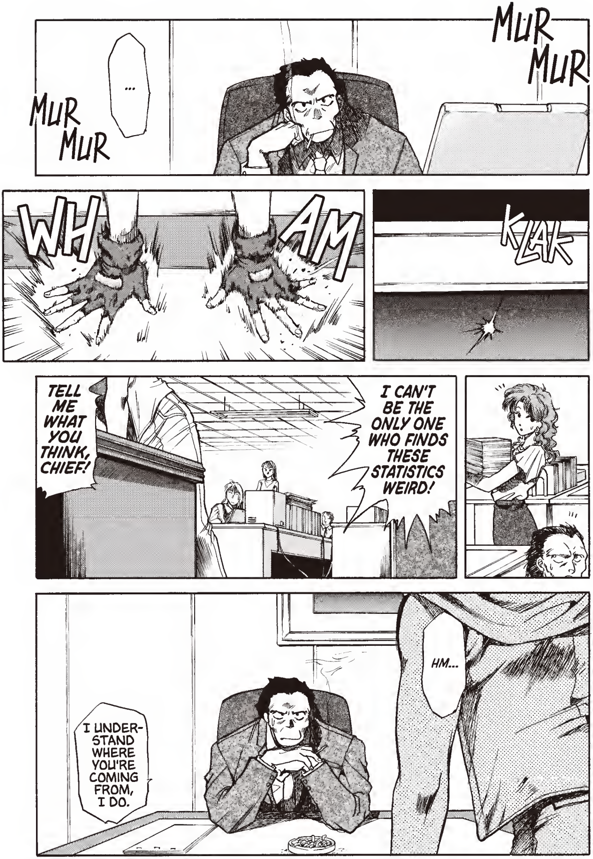
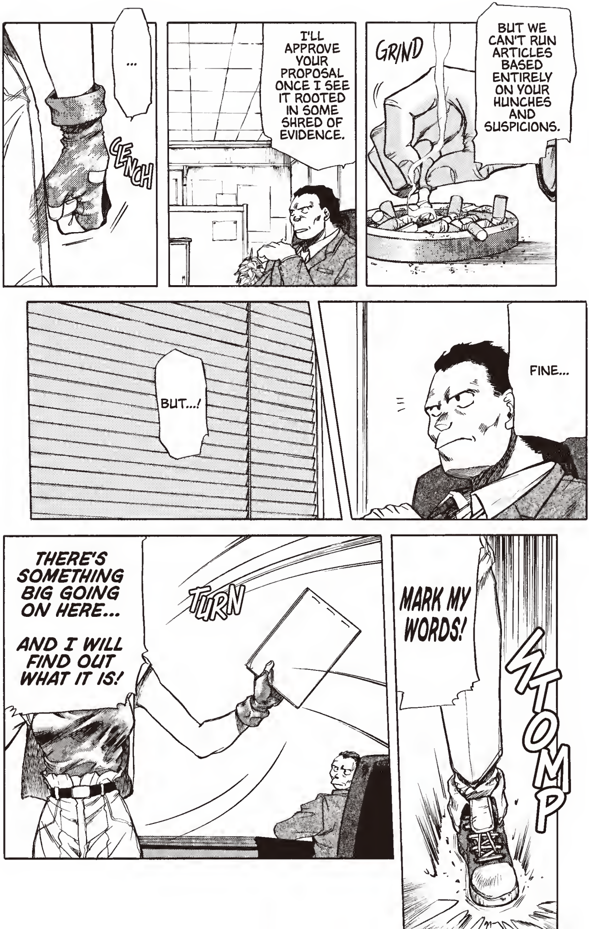
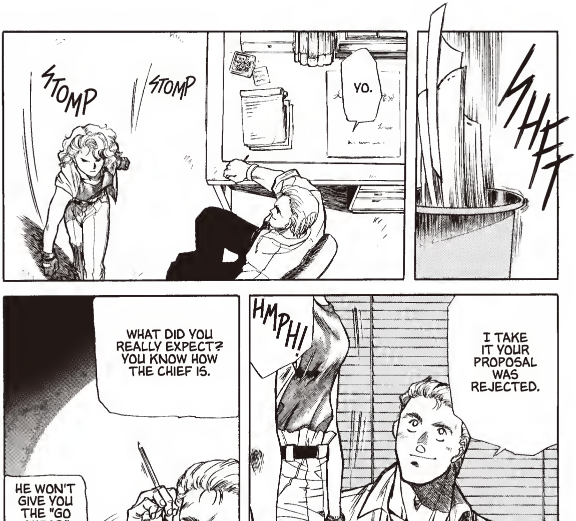
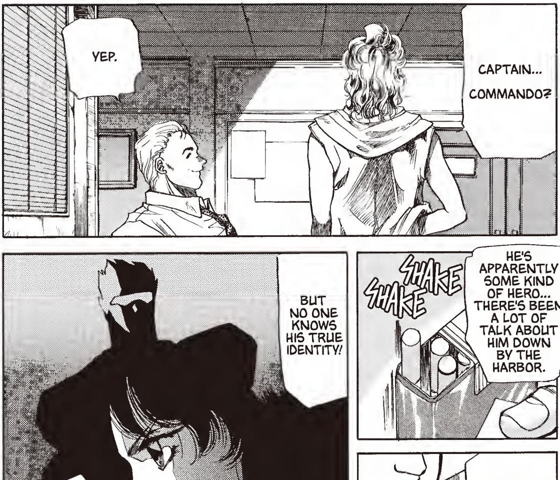
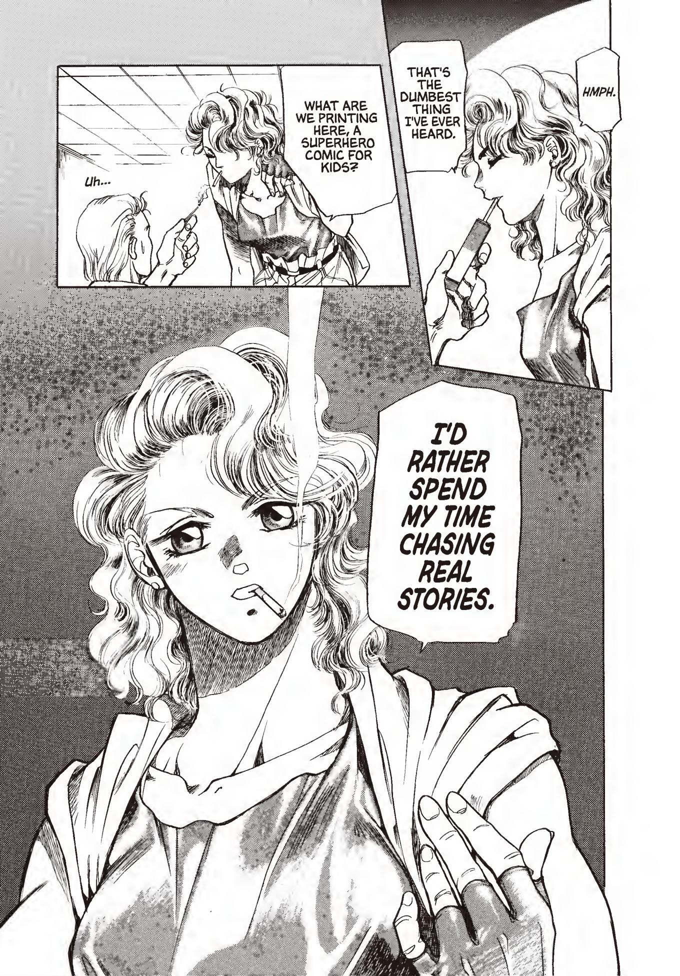
RIIIING
RIIIING
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE NUMBER OF SOLVED CRIMES IS SHOWING A REVERSE TREND.

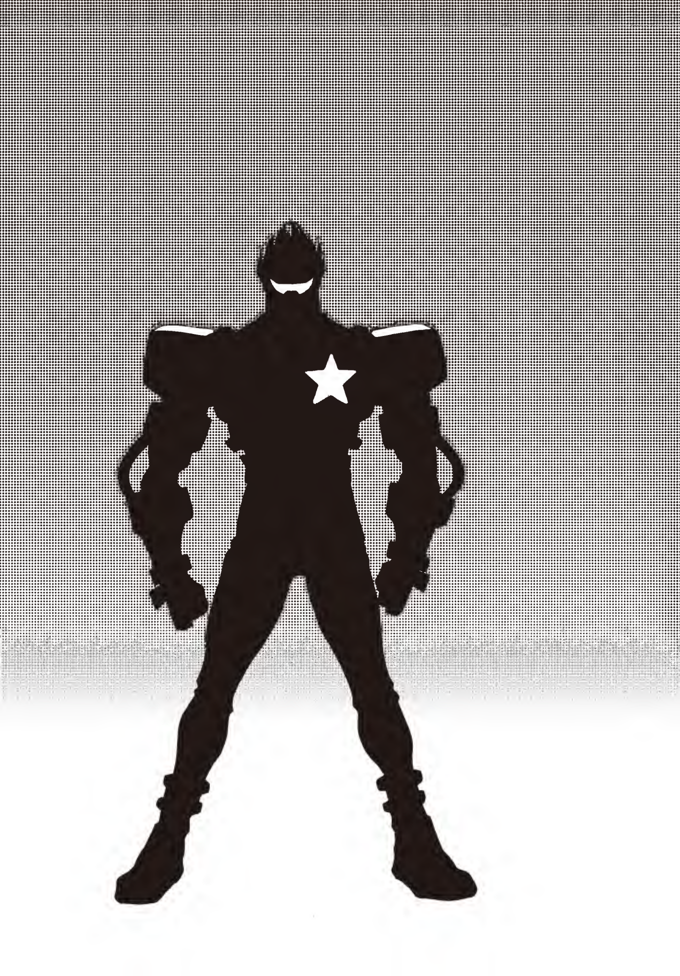

MUR MUR
...
MUR MUR
KLAK
WHAM
I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO FINDS THESE STATISTICS WEIRD!
TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK, CHIEF!
HM...
I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, I DO.


BUT WE CAN'T RUN ARTICLES BASED ENTIRELY ON YOUR HUNCHES AND SUSPICIONS.
GRIND
I'LL APPROVE YOUR PROPOSAL ONCE I SEE IT ROOTED IN SOME SHRED OF EVIDENCE.
...
CLENCH
FINE...
BUT...!
STOMP
MARK MY WORDS!
TURN
THERE'S SOMETHING BIG GOING ON HERE...
AND I WILL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!


SHFF
YO.
STOMP
STOMP
HMPH!
I TAKE IT YOUR PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED.
WHAT DID YOU REALLY EXPECT? YOU KNOW HOW THE CHIEF IS.
HE WON'T GIVE YOU THE "GO AHEAD" UNLESS YOU CAN GUARANTEE THE SCOOP.
LISTEN, I KNOW HOW INTERESTING CRIME CAN BE...
BUT LATELY I'M MORE INTO
CAPTAIN COM-MANDO.


CAPTAIN... COMMANDO?
YEP.
SHAKE SHAKE
HE'S APPARENTLY SOME KIND OF HERO... THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT HIM DOWN BY THE HARBOR.
I HEARD HE'S ALREADY ROUNDED UP QUITE A FEW CRIMINALS AND WANTED FUGITIVES.
BUT NO ONE KNOWS HIS TRUE IDENTITY!
HE'S A "MAN OF MYSTERY".
...
WANT ONE?


Uh...
WHAT ARE WE PRINTING HERE, A SUPERHERO COMIC FOR KIDS?
THAT'S THE DUMBEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD.
HMPH.
I'D RATHER SPEND MY TIME CHASING REAL STORIES.



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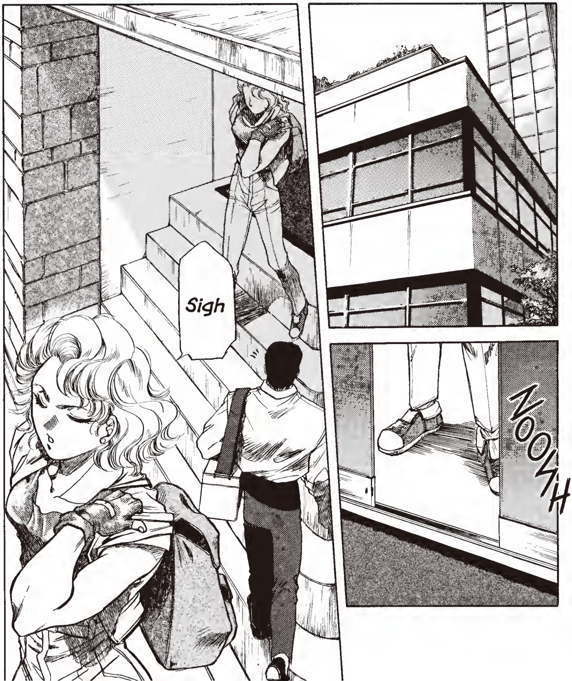
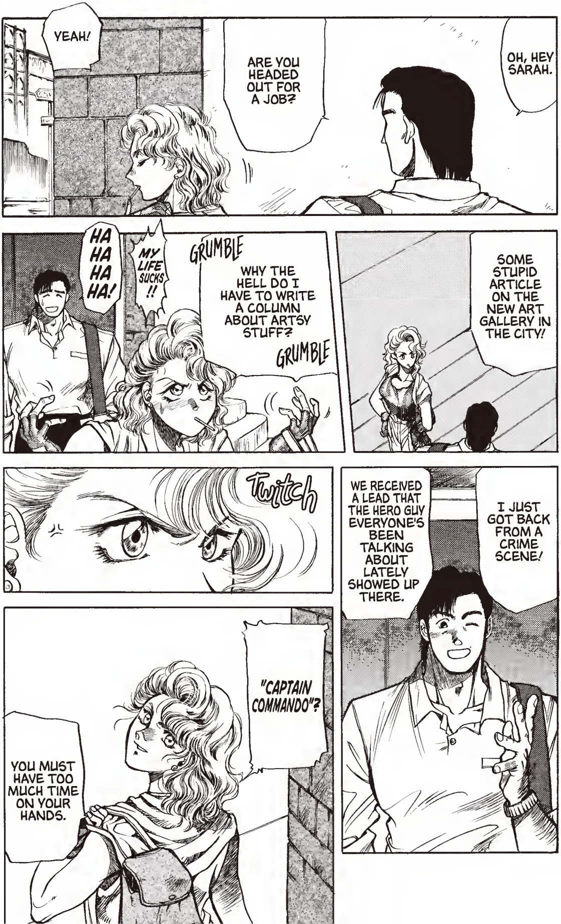
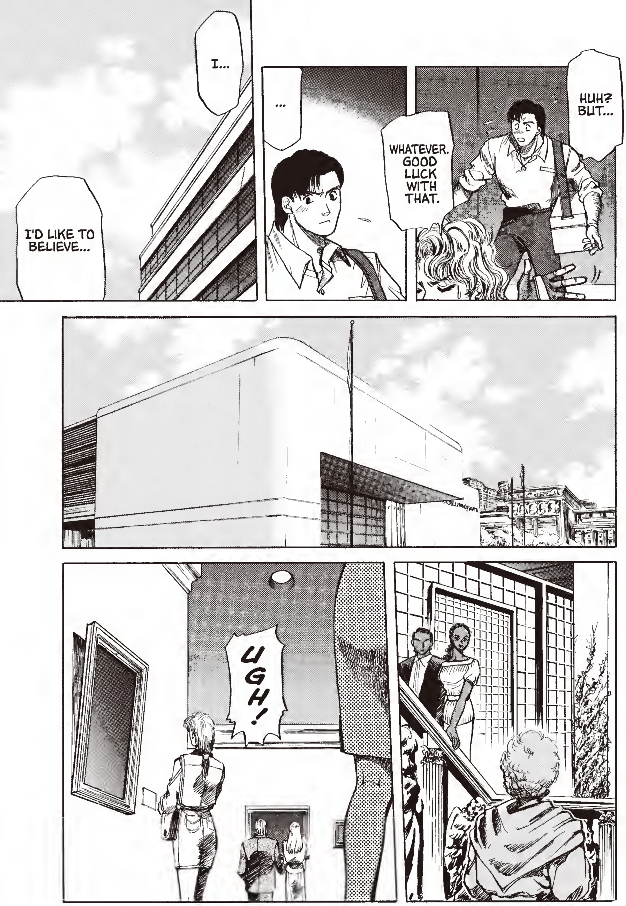
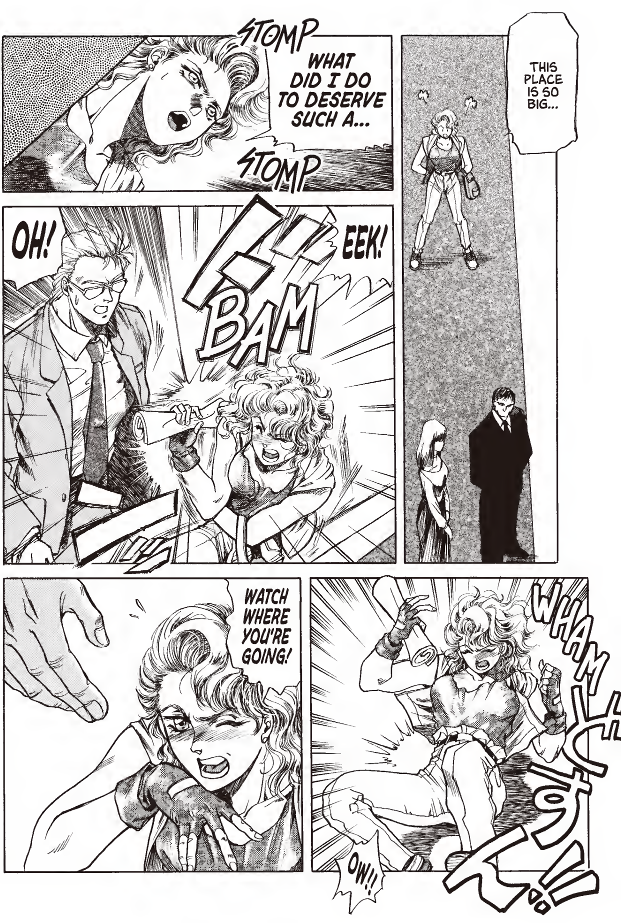
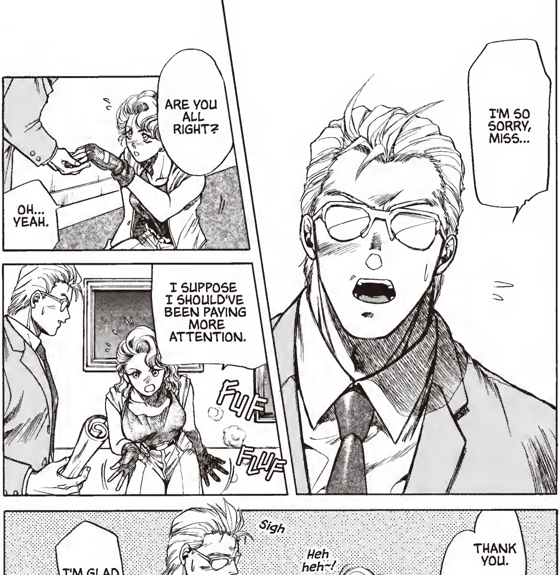
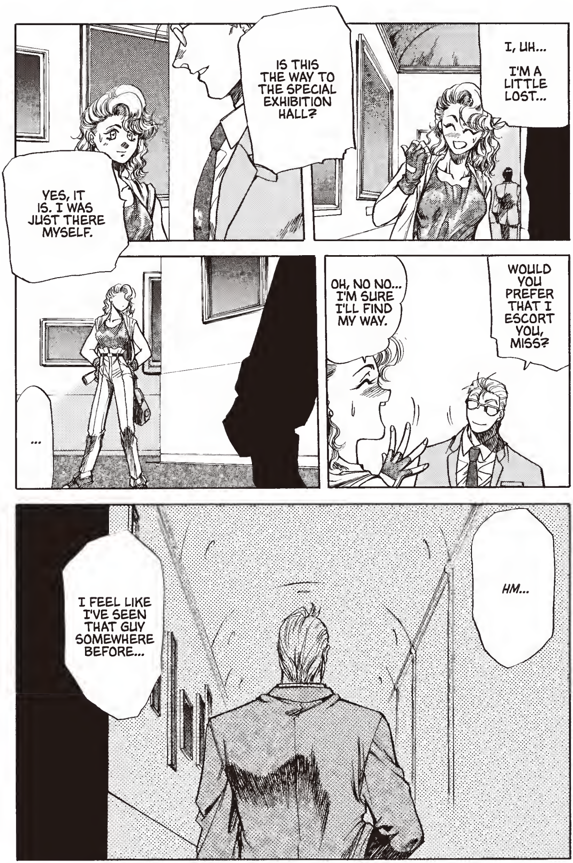


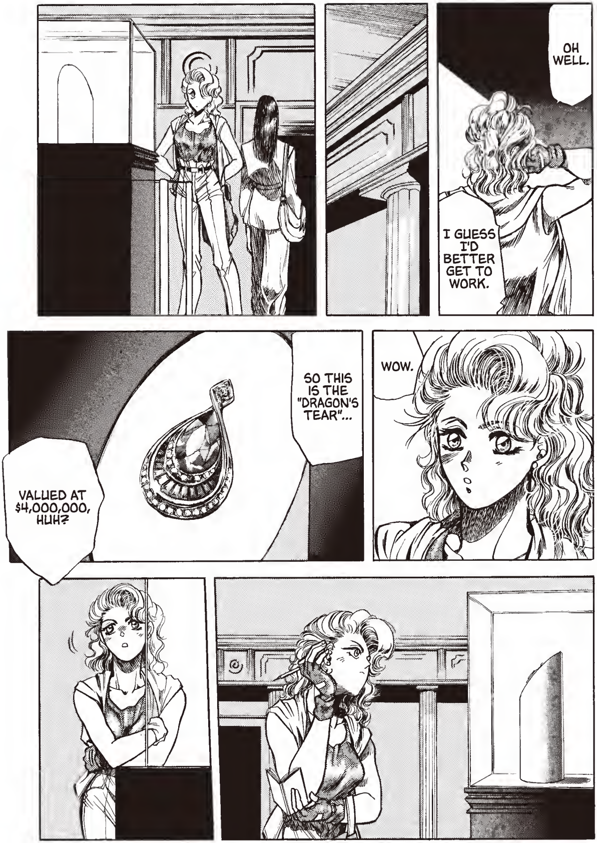

OH, HEY SARAH.
ARE YOU HEADED OUT FOR A JOB?
YEAH!
SOME STUPID ARTICLE ON THE NEW ART GALLERY IN THE CITY!
GRUMBLE
WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO WRITE A COLUMN ABOUT ARTSY STUFF?
GRUMBLE
MY LIFE SUCKS!!
HA HA HA HA!
I JUST GOT BACK FROM A CRIME SCENE!
WE RECEIVED A LEAD THAT THE HERO GUY EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT LATELY SHOWED UP THERE.
Twitch
"CAPTAIN COMMANDO"?
YOU MUST HAVE TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR HANDS.

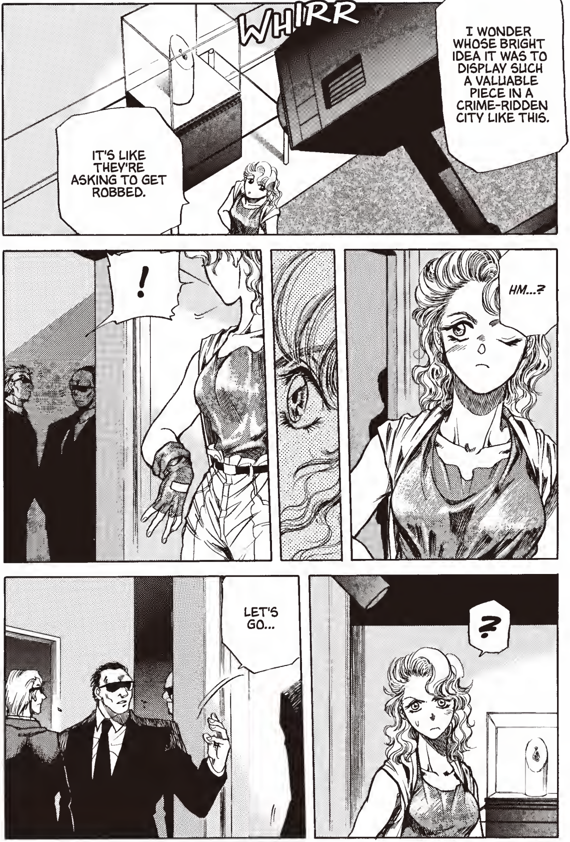

HUH? BUT...
WHATEVER. GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
...
I...
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE...
UGH!

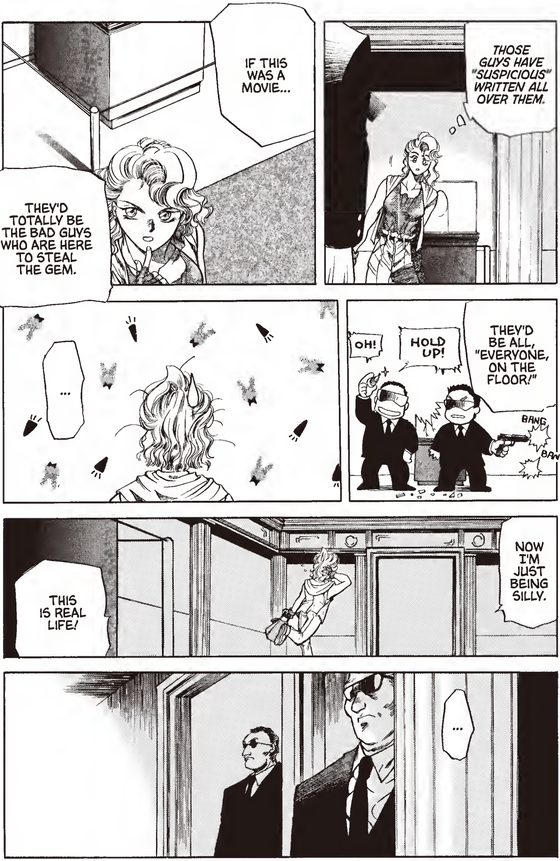

THIS PLACE IS SO BIG...
STOMP
WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE SUCH A...
STOMP
EEK!
BAM
OH!
WHAM
どすん!!
OW!!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

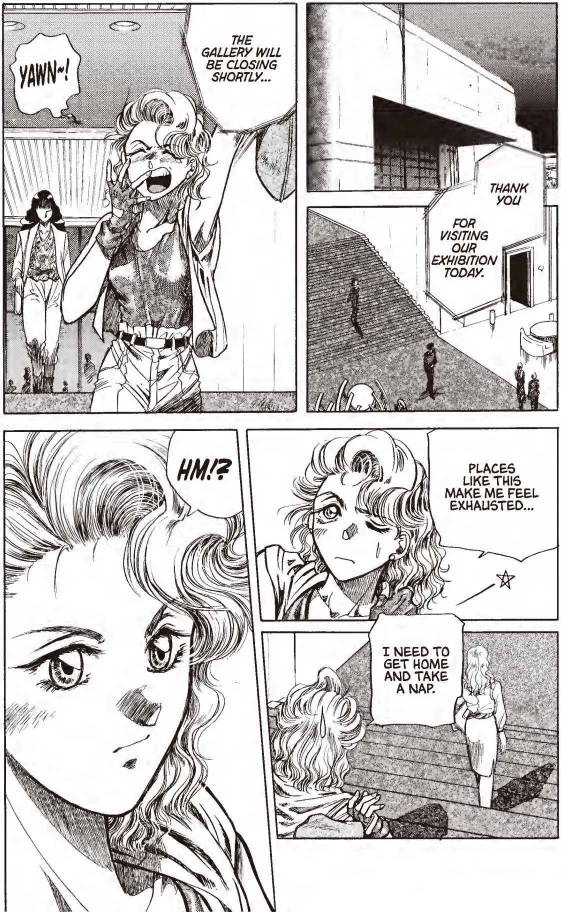

I'M SO SORRY, MISS...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH... YEAH.
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD'VE BEEN PAYING MORE ATTENTION.
FLUF
FLUF
THANK YOU.
I'M FINE, REALLY.
Heh heh~!
Sigh
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT...
GOOD-BYE.
ER... WAIT!
YES...?

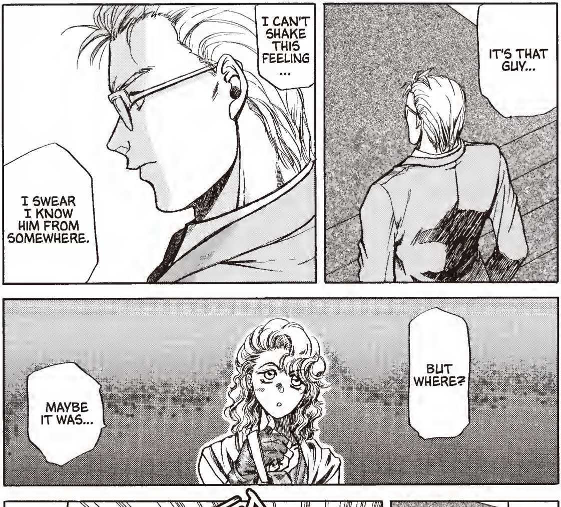

I, UH...
I'M A LITTLE LOST...
IS THIS THE WAY TO THE SPECIAL EXHIBITION HALL?
YES, IT IS. I WAS JUST THERE MYSELF.
WOULD YOU PREFER THAT I ESCORT YOU, MISS?
OH, NO NO... I'M SURE I'LL FIND MY WAY.
...
HM...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THAT GUY SOMEWHERE BEFORE...

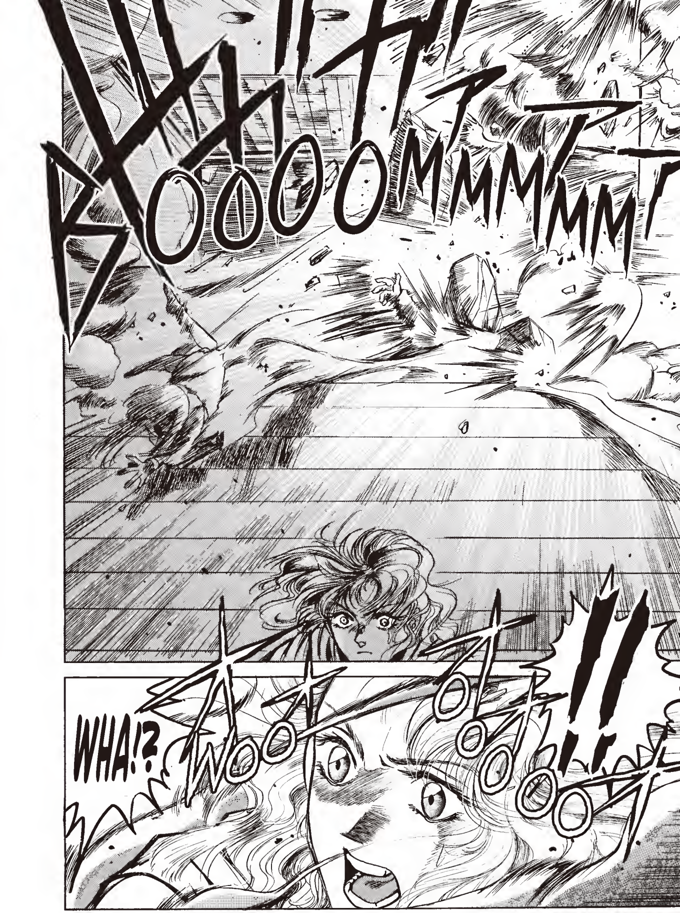

OH WELL.
I GUESS I'D BETTER GET TO WORK.
WOW.
SO THIS IS THE "DRAGON'S TEAR"...
VALUED AT $4,000,000, HUH?

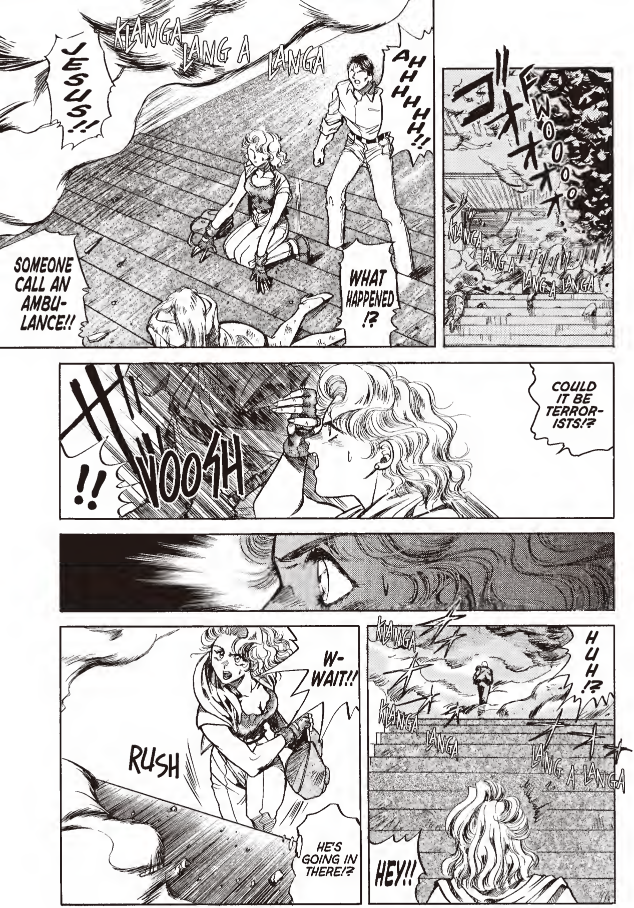

WHIRR
I WONDER WHOSE BRIGHT IDEA IT WAS TO DISPLAY SUCH A VALUABLE PIECE IN A CRIME-RIDDEN CITY LIKE THIS.
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ASKING TO GET ROBBED.
HM...?
!
?
LET'S GO...

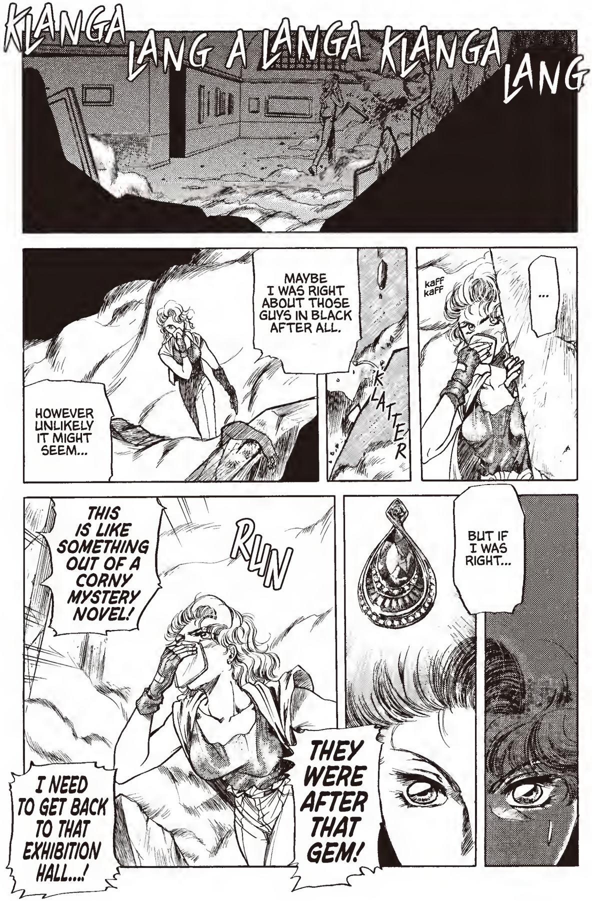

THOSE GUYS HAVE "SUSPICIOUS" WRITTEN ALL OVER THEM.
IF THIS WAS A MOVIE...
THEY'D TOTALLY BE THE BAD GUYS WHO ARE HERE TO STEAL THE GEM.
THEY'D BE ALL, "EVERYONE, ON THE FLOOR!"
HOLD UP!
OH!
BANG
BANG
...
NOW I'M JUST BEING SILLY.
THIS IS REAL LIFE!
...

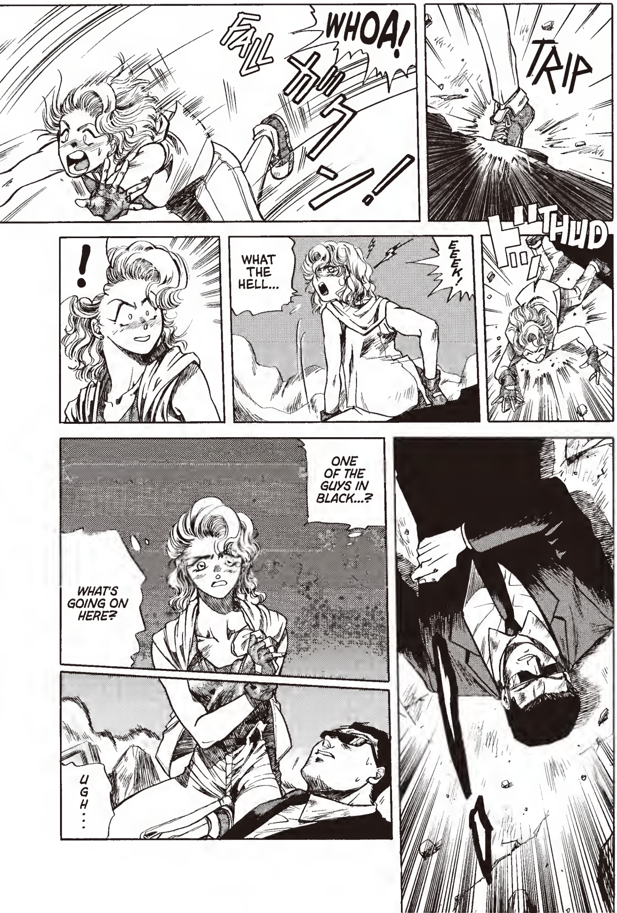

THANK YOU FOR VISITING OUR EXHIBITION TODAY.
THE GALLERY WILL BE CLOSING SHORTLY...
YAWN~!
PLACES LIKE THIS MAKE ME FEEL EXHAUSTED...
I NEED TO GET HOME AND TAKE A NAP.
HM!?

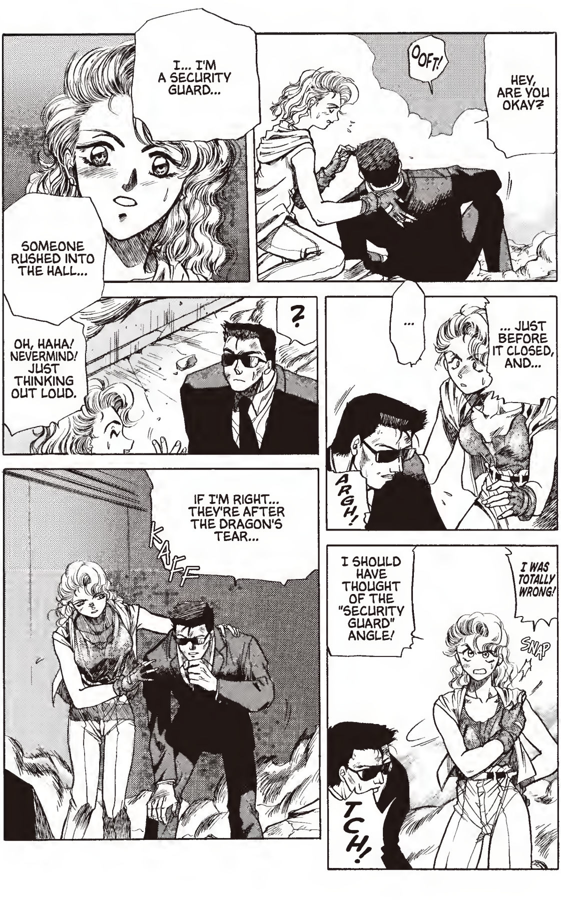

I CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING ...
I SWEAR I KNOW HIM FROM SOMEWHERE.
IT'S THAT GUY...
BUT WHERE?
MAYBE IT WAS...
HUH!?
TURN
!

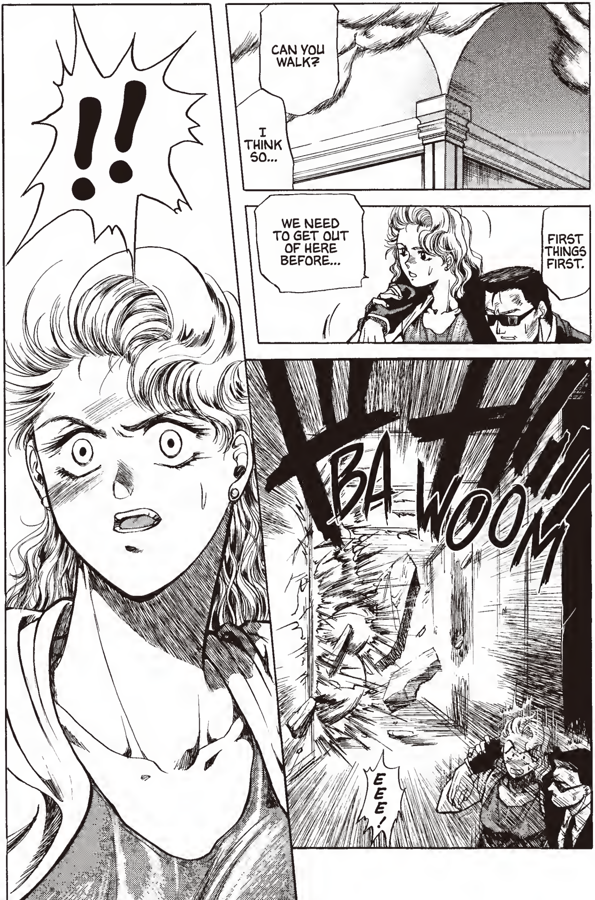

BOOOOMMMMM
WHA!?
WOOOOOOOO!!

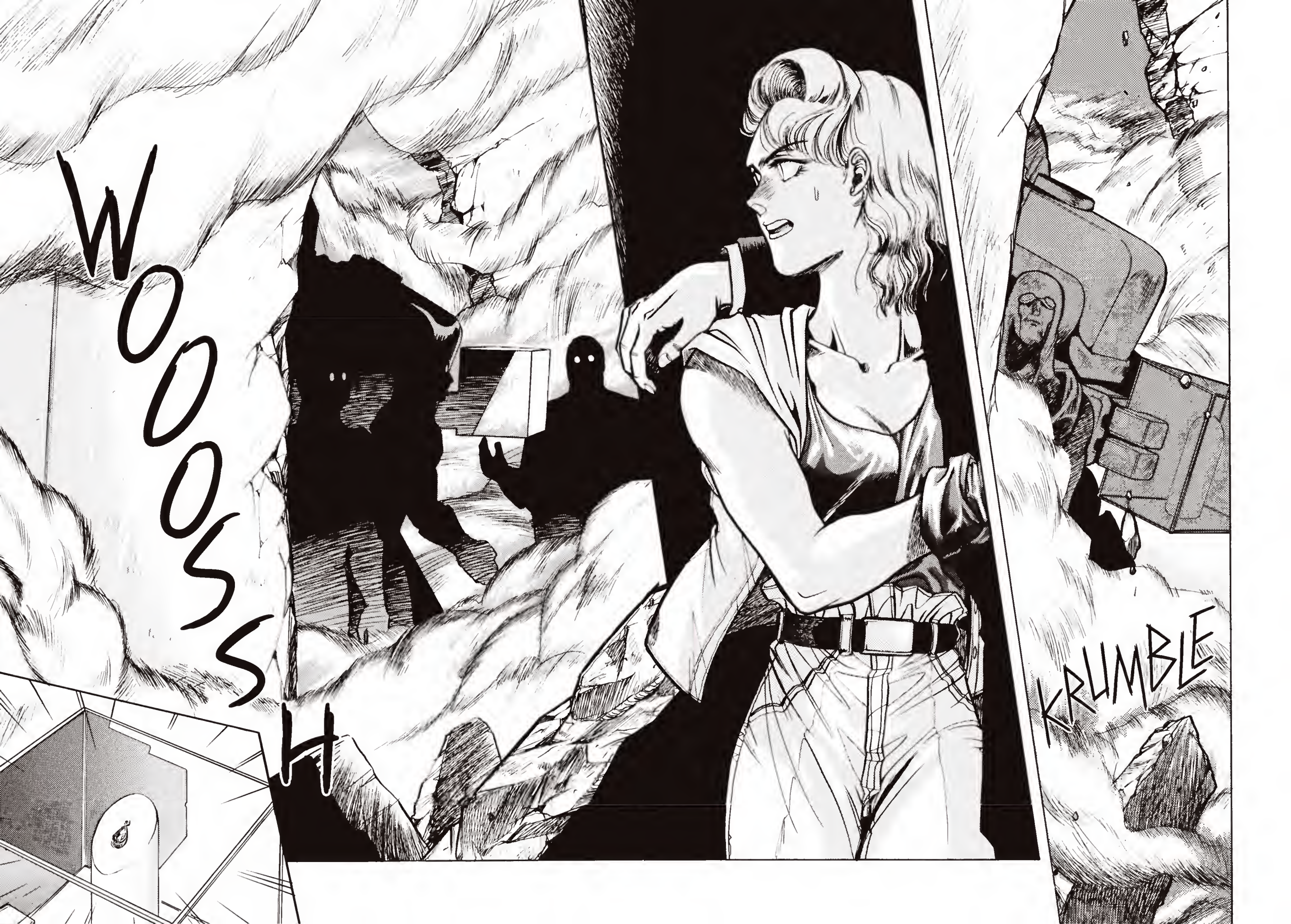

FWOOOO
KLANGA LANGA LANGA A LANGA
AHHHHHH!!
JESUS!!
KLANGA LANG A LANGA
WHAT HAPPENED!?
SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE!!
COULD IT BE TERRORISTS!?
!!
WOOSH
HUH!?
KLANGA
KLANGA LANGA
LANG A LANGA
HEY!!
W-WAIT!!
RUSH
HE'S GOING IN THERE!?

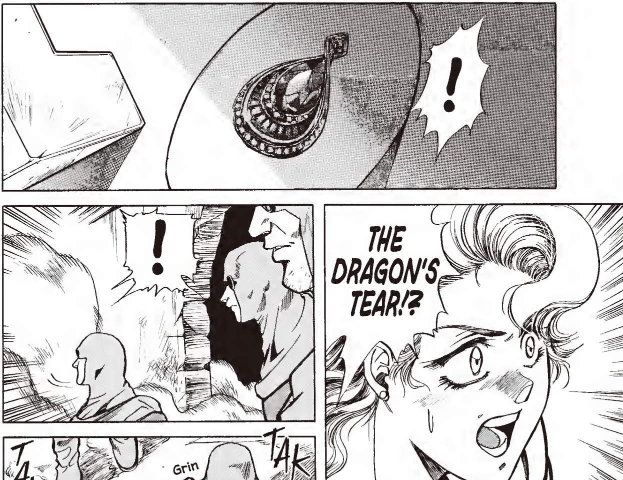

KLANGA LANG A LANGA KLANGA LANG
MAYBE I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THOSE GUYS IN BLACK AFTER ALL.
HOWEVER UNLIKELY IT MIGHT SEEM...
KLATTER
kaff kaff
...
THIS IS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A CORNY MYSTERY NOVEL!
RUN
I NEED TO GET BACK TO THAT EXHIBITION HALL...!
BUT IF I WAS RIGHT...
THEY WERE AFTER THAT GEM!


TRIP
WHOA!
FALL
カックーン!
THUD
ドッ
EEEK!
WHAT THE HELL...
!
ONE OF THE GUYS IN BLACK...?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
UGH...

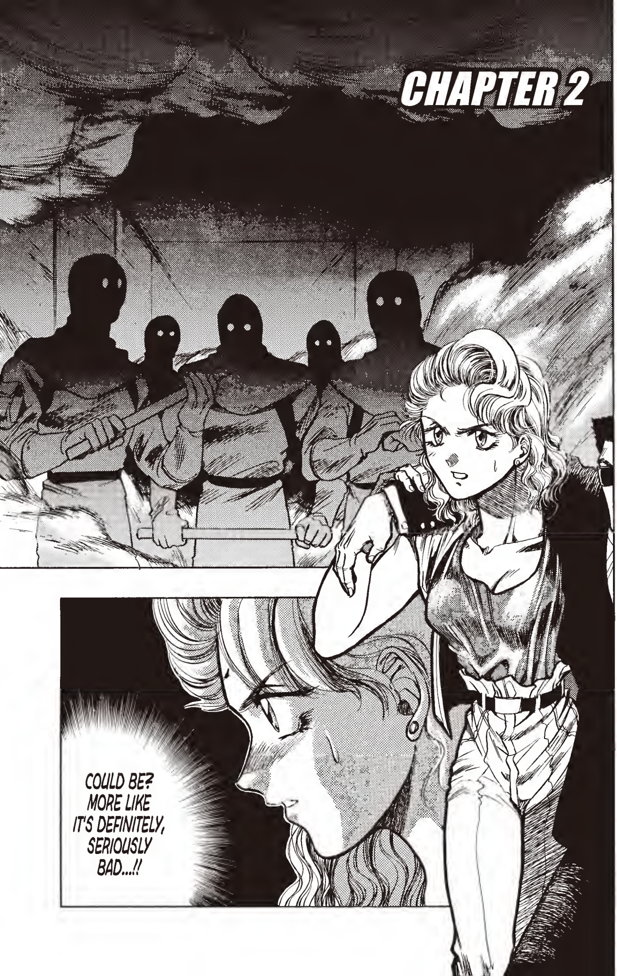

OOFT!
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
I... I'M A SECURITY GUARD...
SOMEONE RUSHED INTO THE HALL...
...
... JUST BEFORE IT CLOSED, AND...
ARGH!
?
OH, HAHA! NEVERMIND! JUST THINKING OUT LOUD.
I WAS TOTALLY WRONG!
I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THE "SECURITY GUARD" ANGLE!
SNAP
TCH!
IF I'M RIGHT... THEY'RE AFTER THE DRAGON'S TEAR...
KAFF

CAN YOU WALK?
I THINK SO...
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE...
FIRST THINGS FIRST.
!!
BA WOOM
EEE!

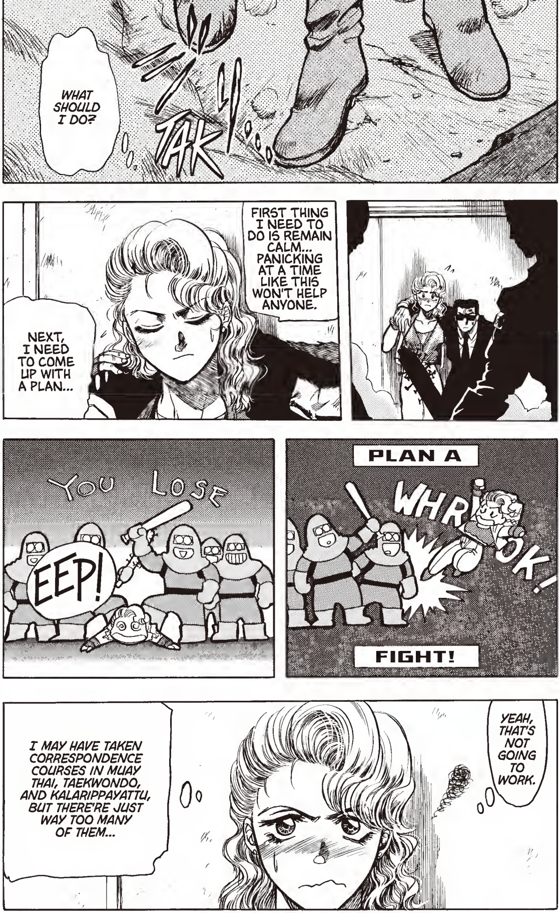

WOOOSSH
KRUMBLE

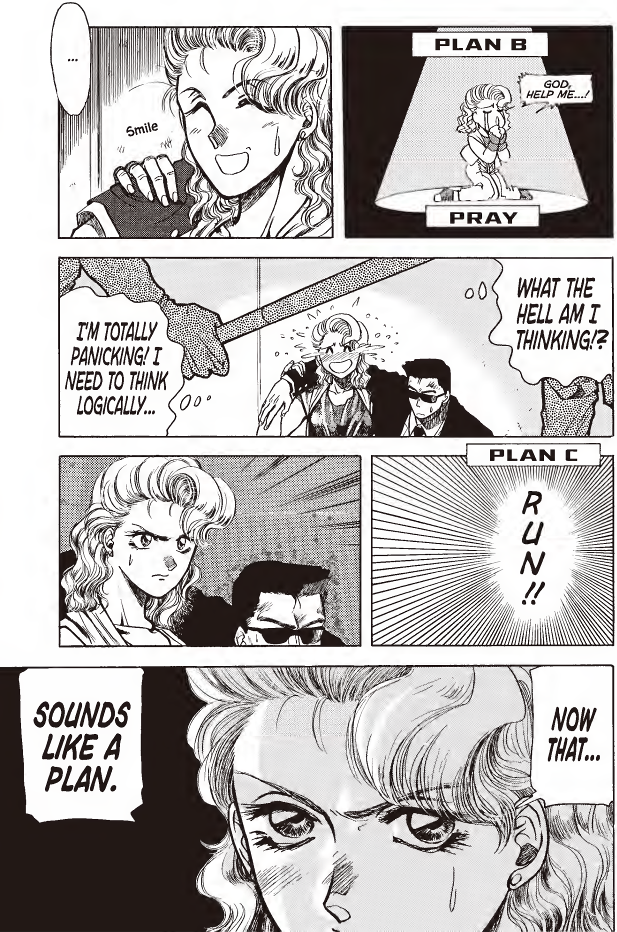

!
THE DRAGON'S TEAR!?
!
TAK
Grin
TAK
UH...
THIS COULD BE BAD...

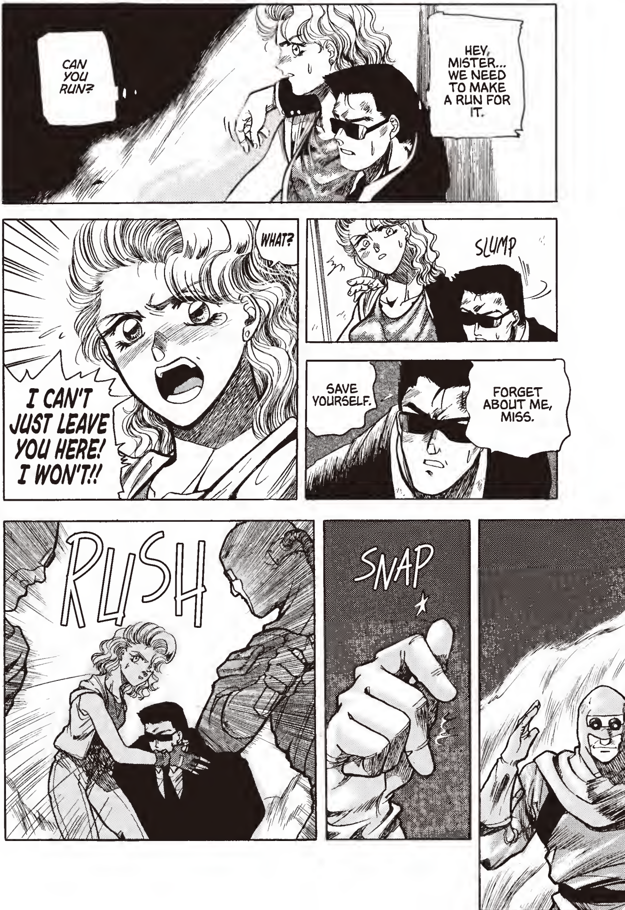
CHAPTER 2

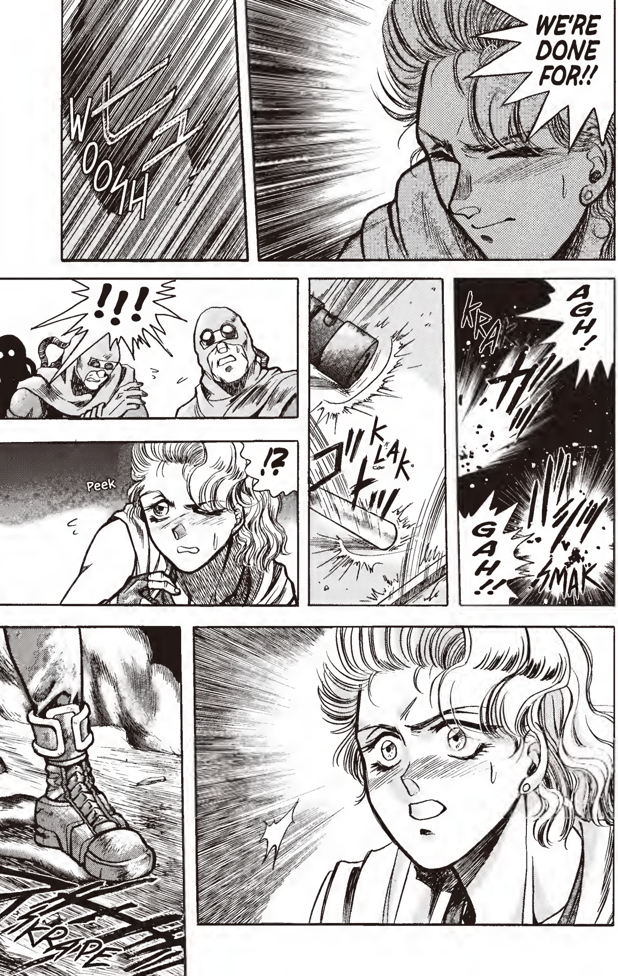


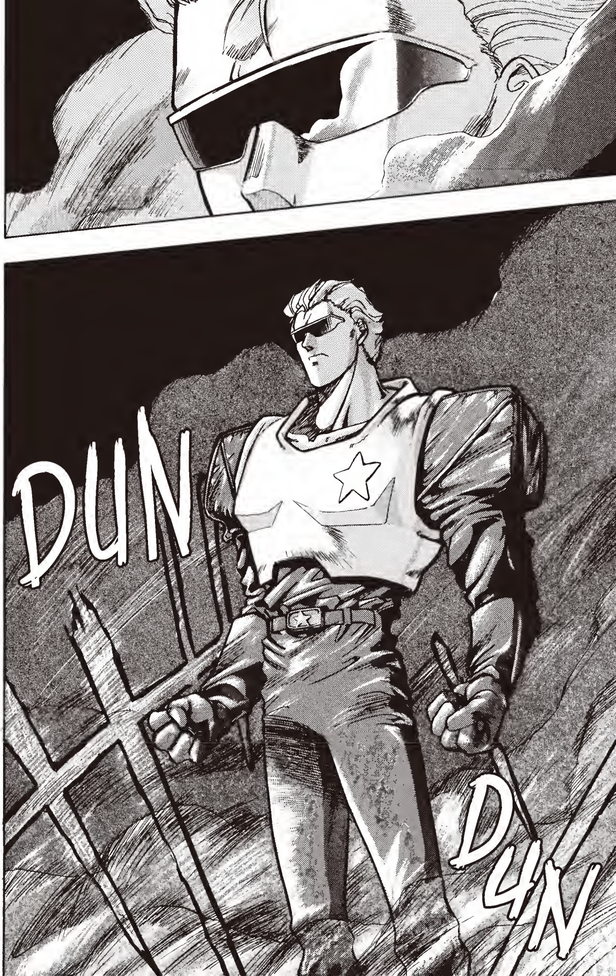
COULD BE? MORE LIKE IT'S DEFINITELY, SERIOUSLY BAD...!!

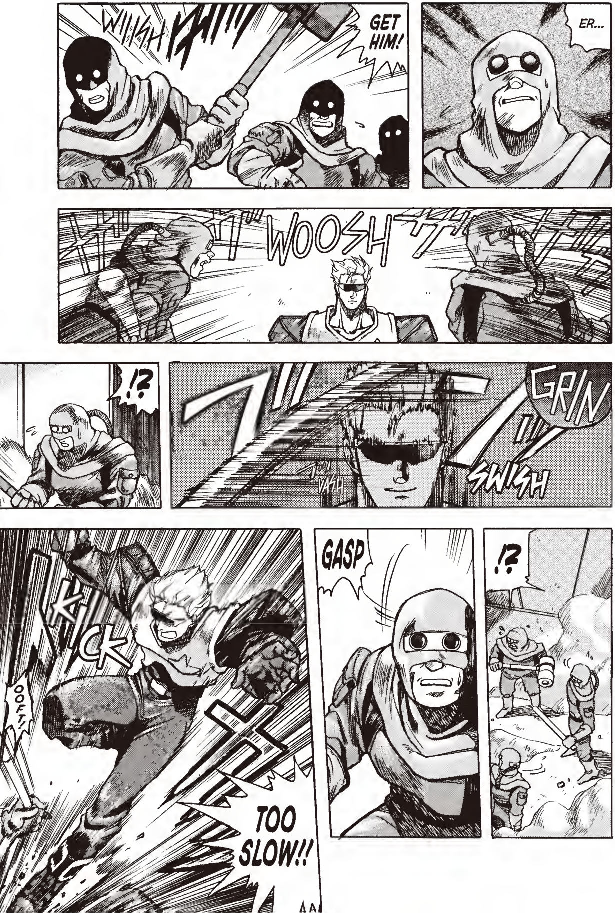

TAK
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
FIRST THING I NEED TO DO IS REMAIN CALM... PANICKING AT A TIME LIKE THIS WON'T HELP ANYONE.
NEXT, I NEED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN...
PLAN A
WHRROK!
FIGHT!
YOU LOSE
EEP!
YEAH, THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK.
I MAY HAVE TAKEN CORRESPONDENCE COURSES IN MUAY THAI, TAEKWONDO, AND KALARIPPAYATTU, BUT THERE'RE JUST WAY TOO MANY OF THEM...

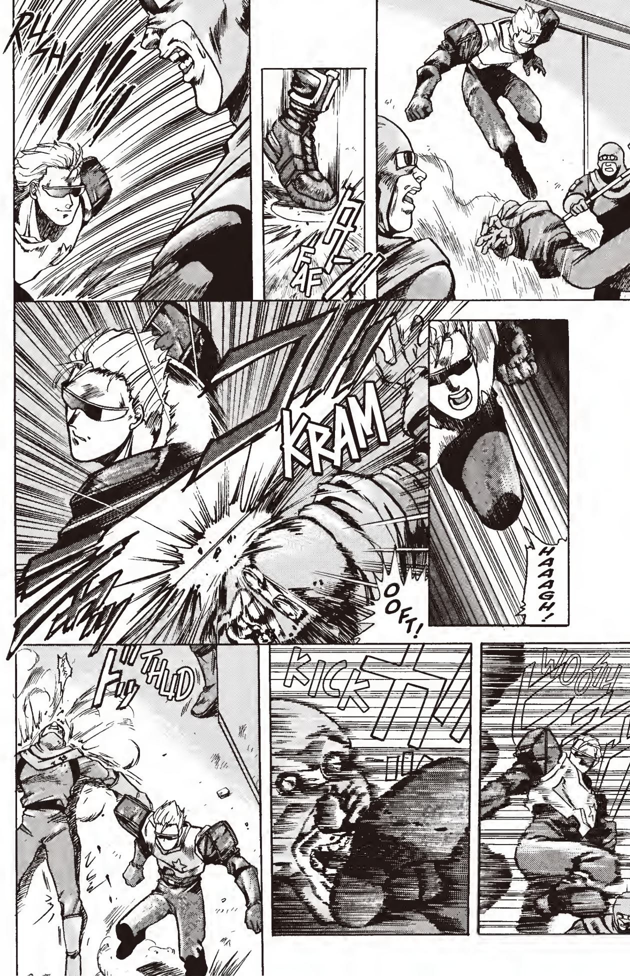

PLAN B
GOD, HELP ME...!
PRAY
...
Smile
WHAT THE HELL AM I THINKING!?
I'M TOTALLY PANICKING! I NEED TO THINK LOGICALLY...
PLAN C
RUN!!
NOW THAT...
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

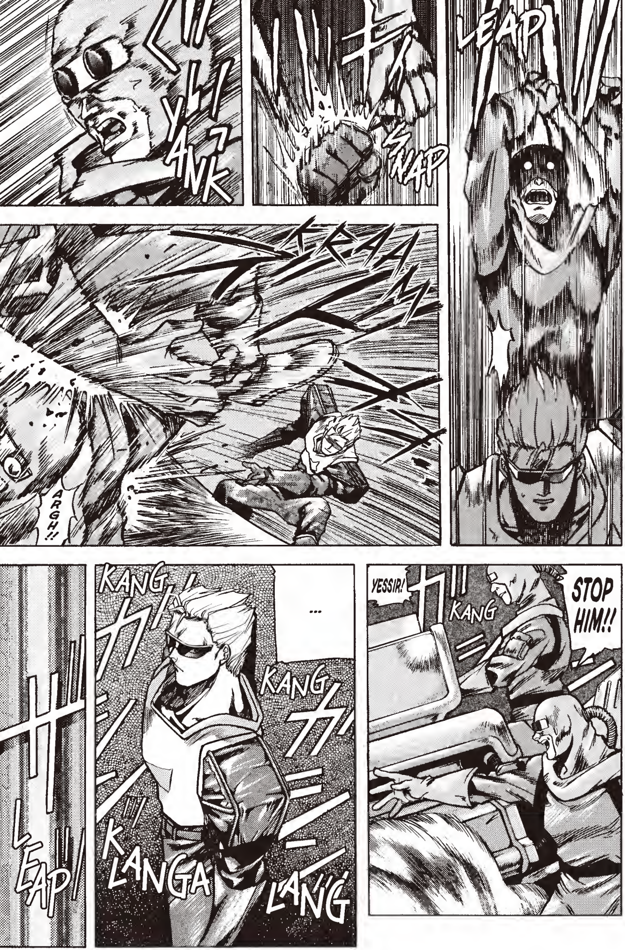

HEY, MISTER... WE NEED TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT.
CAN YOU RUN?
SLUMP
FORGET ABOUT ME, MISS.
SAVE YOURSELF.
WHAT?
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU HERE! I WON'T!!
SNAP
RUSH

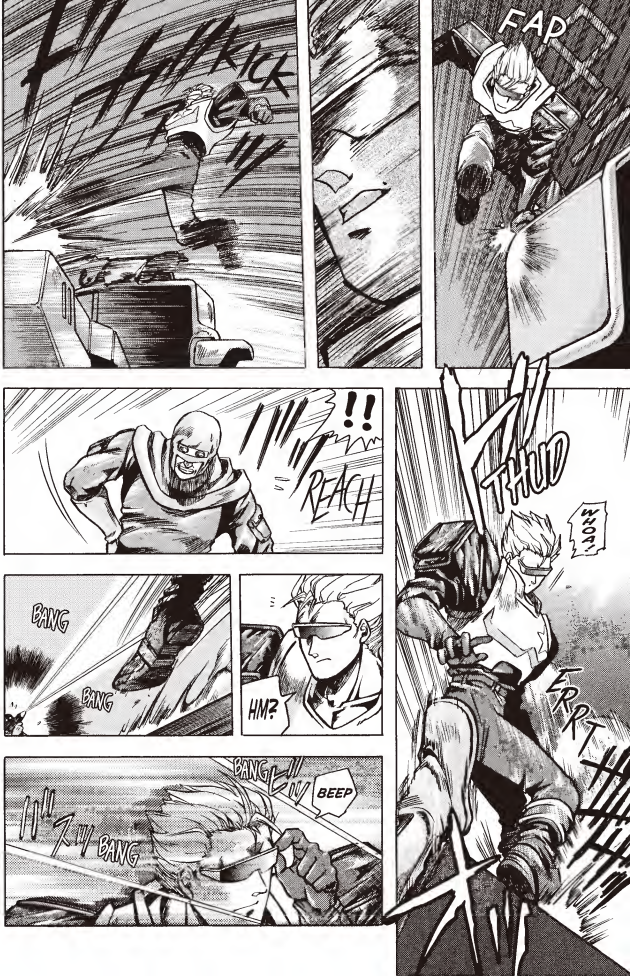

WE'RE DONE FOR!!
WHOOSH
AGH!
KRAK
GAH!!
SMAK
KLAK
!!!
!?
Peek
SKRAPE

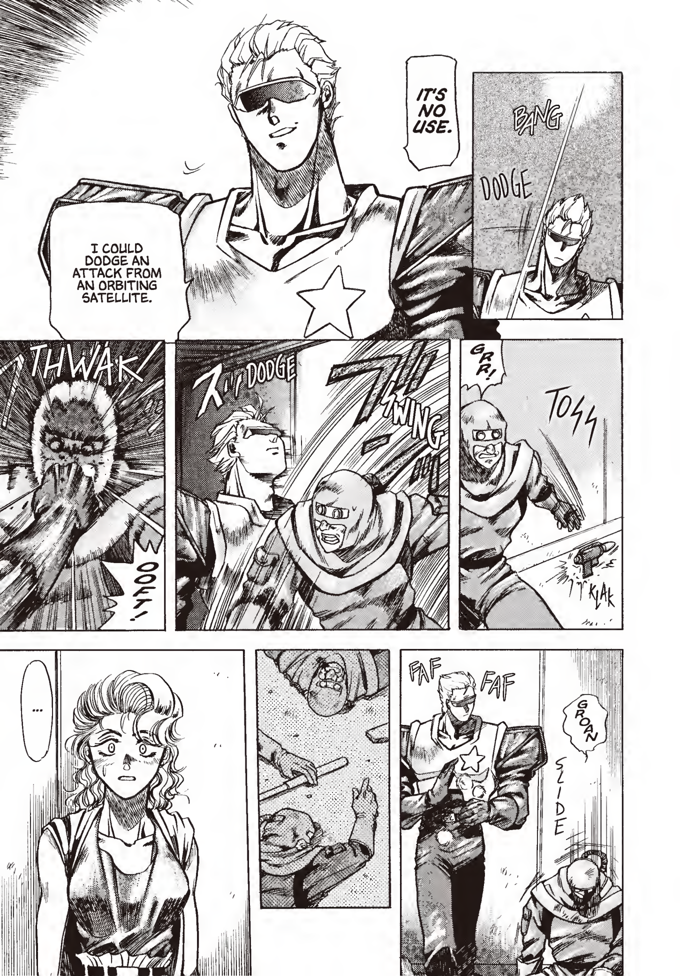

DUN
DUN

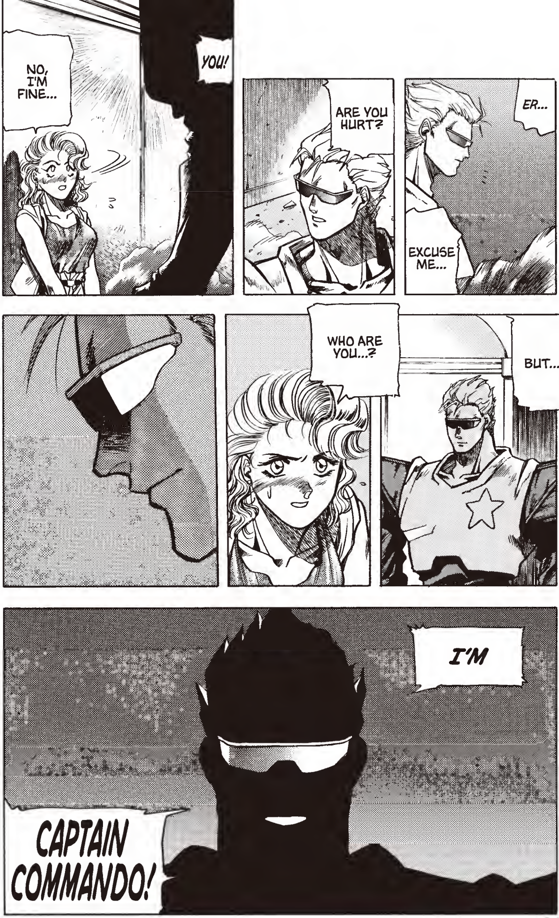

WHISH
GET HIM!
ER...
WOOSH
!?
GRIN
SWISH
VASH
KICK
OOFT!
TOO SLOW!!
GASP
!?

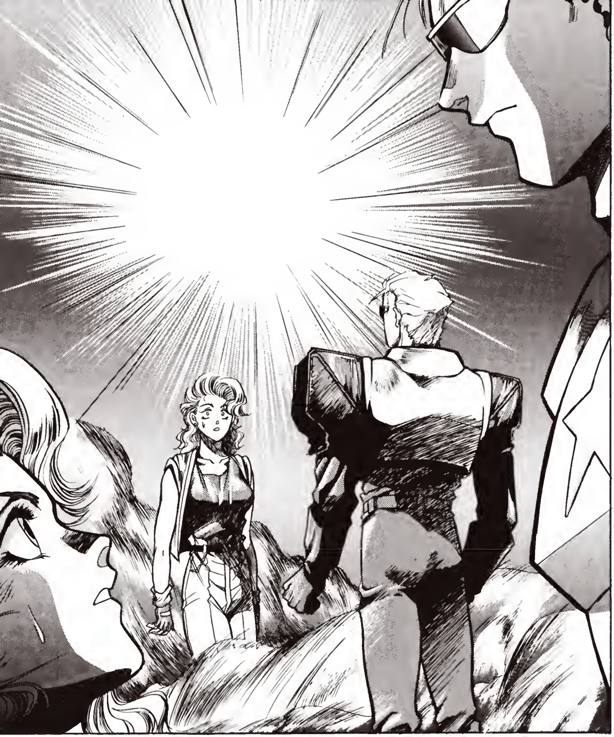

RUSH
FAF
KRAM
HAAAAGH!
OOFT!
WOOSH
KICK
ドッ
THUD

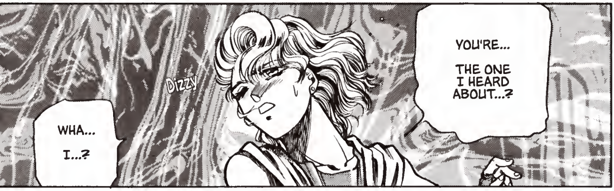

LEAP!!
SNAP
YANK
KRAAM
ARGH!!
STOP HIM!!
KANG
YESSIR!
...
KANG
KANG
KLANGA
LANG
LEAP!!

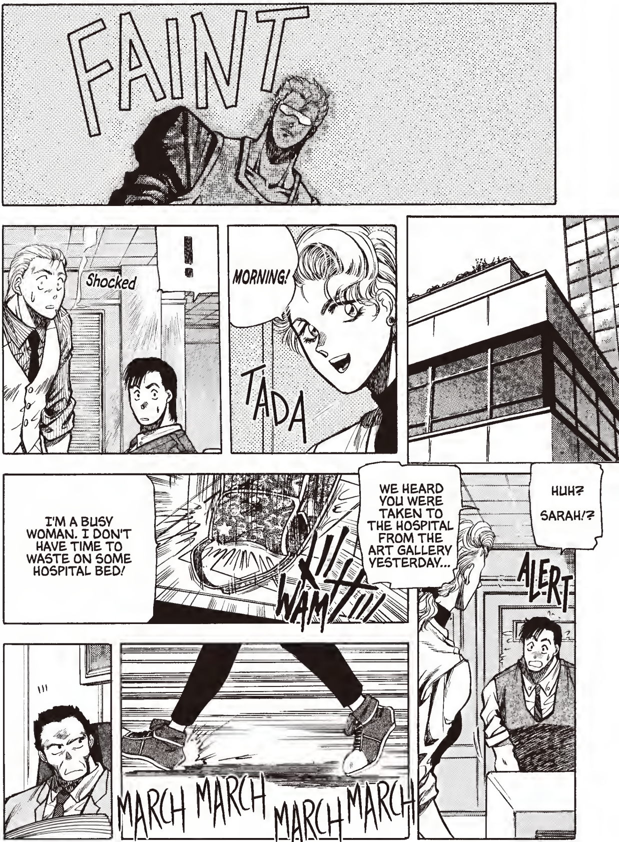

FAP
KICK
THUD
!!
REACH
WHOA!
ERRRT
HM?
BANG
BANG
BANG
BEEP
BANG

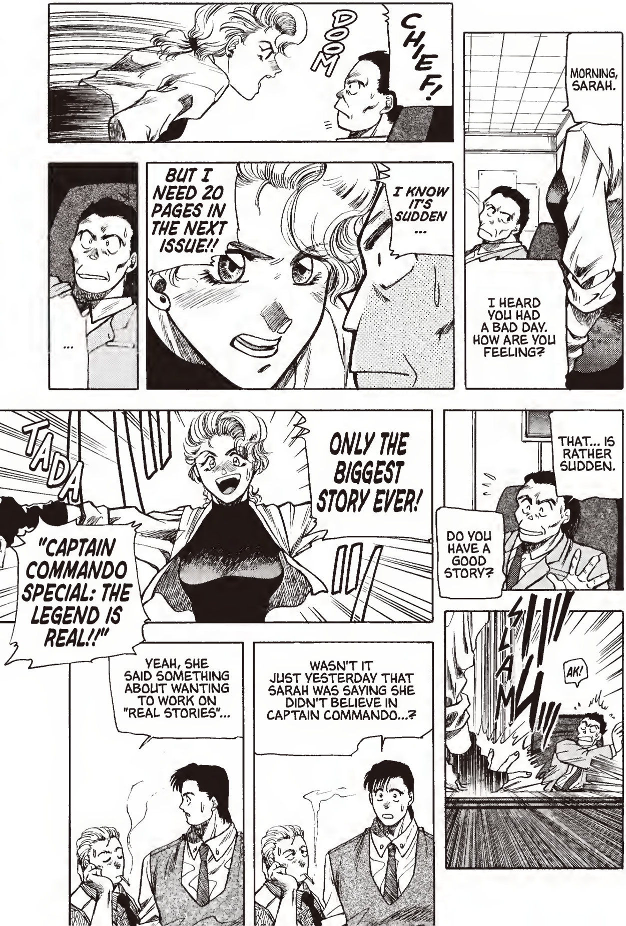

BANG
DODGE
IT'S NO USE.
I COULD DODGE AN ATTACK FROM AN ORBITING SATELLITE.
GRR!
TOSS
KLAK
スッ DODGE
SWING
THWAK!
OOF!
FAF FAF
GROAN
SLIDE
...

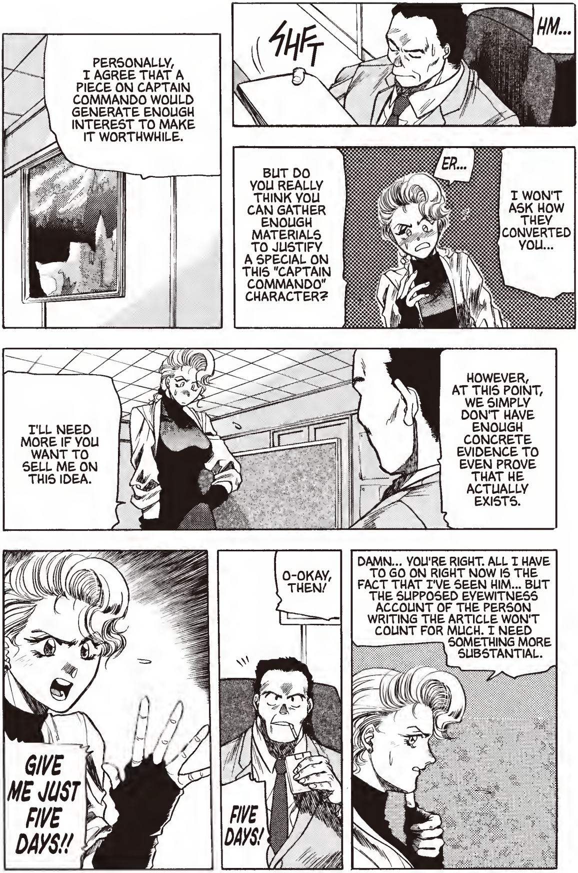

ER...
EXCUSE ME...
ARE YOU HURT?
YOU!
NO, I'M FINE...
BUT...
WHO ARE YOU...?
I'M
CAPTAIN COMMANDO!

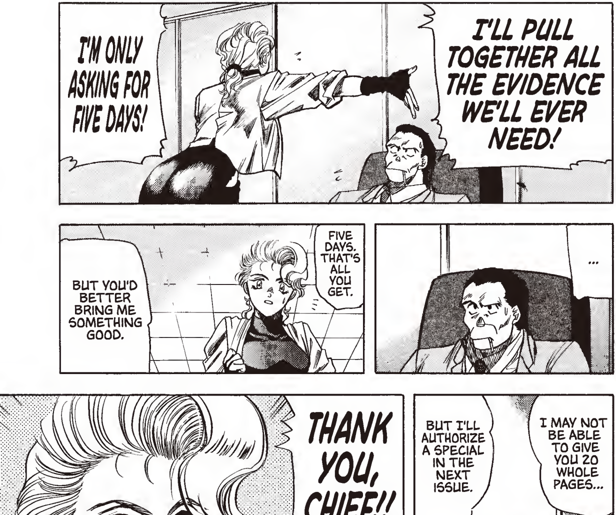


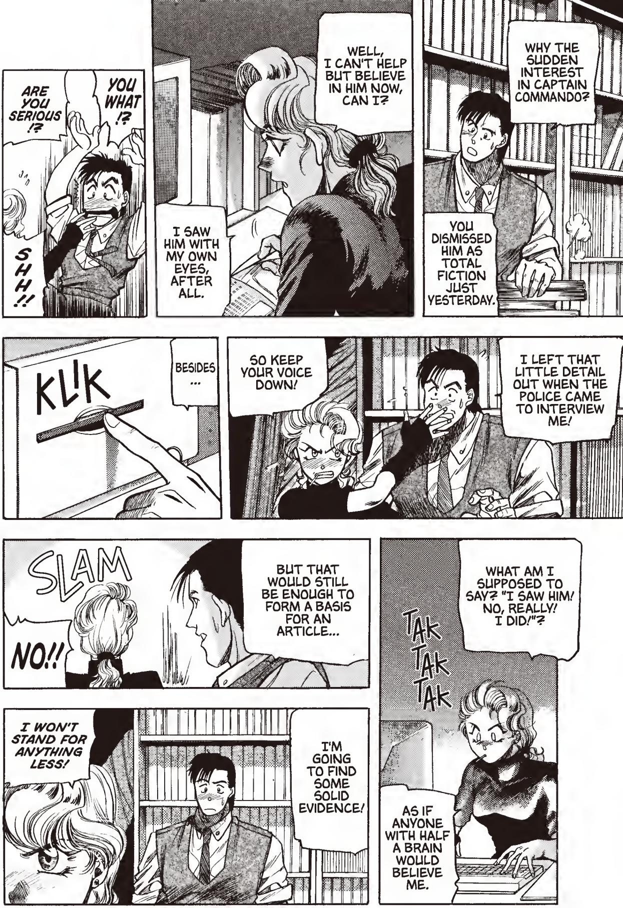

YOU'RE...
THE ONE I HEARD ABOUT...?
Dizzy
WHA...
I...?

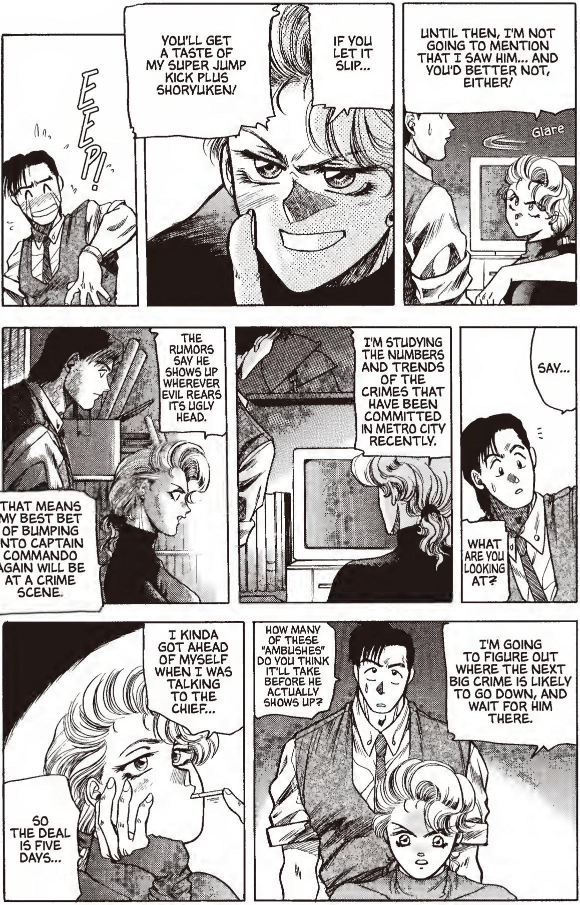

FAINT
MORNING!
TADA
!
Shocked
HUH? SARAH!?
ALERT
WE HEARD YOU WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL FROM THE ART GALLERY YESTERDAY...
WAM!!!
I'M A BUSY WOMAN. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON SOME HOSPITAL BED!
MARCH MARCH MARCH MARCH
!!!

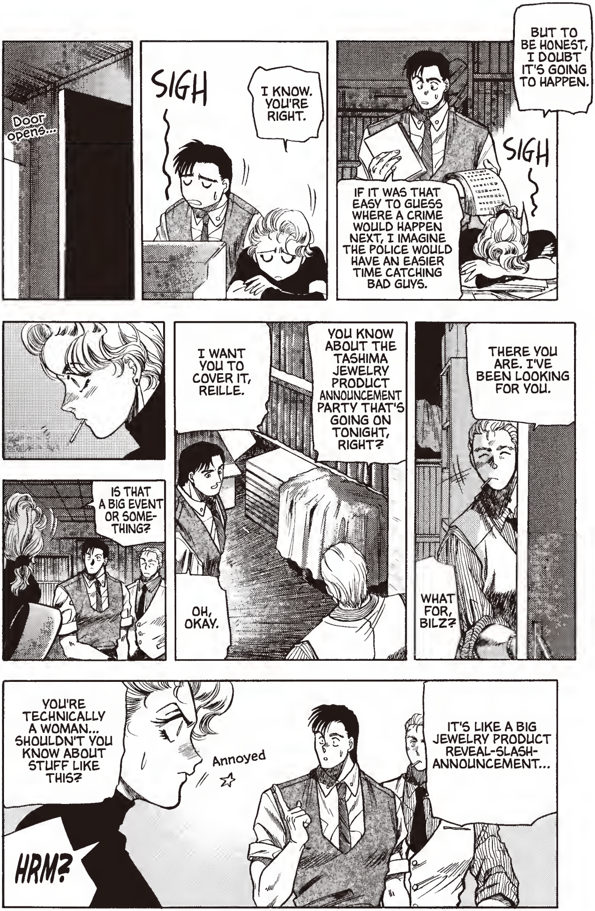

MORNING, SARAH.
I HEARD YOU HAD A BAD DAY. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
CHIEF!
DOOM
I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN...
BUT I NEED 20 PAGES IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!
...
THAT... IS RATHER SUDDEN.
DO YOU HAVE A GOOD STORY?
ONLY THE BIGGEST STORY EVER!
TADA
"CAPTAIN COMMANDO SPECIAL: THE LEGEND IS REAL!!"
SLAM
AK!
WASN'T IT JUST YESTERDAY THAT SARAH WAS SAYING SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN CAPTAIN COMMANDO...?
YEAH, SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT WANTING TO WORK ON "REAL STORIES"...

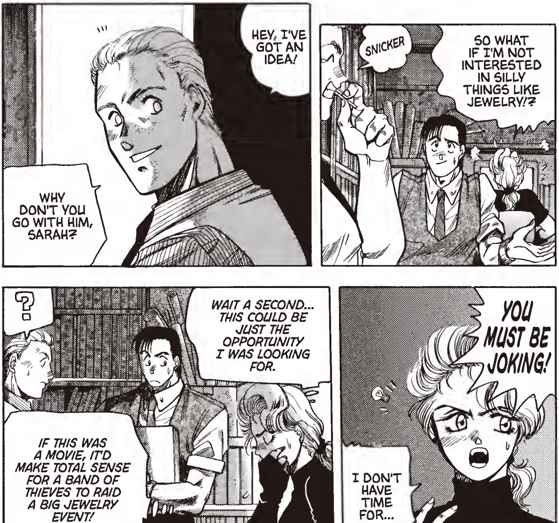

SHFT
HM...
I WON'T ASK HOW THEY CONVERTED YOU...
ER...
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN GATHER ENOUGH MATERIALS TO JUSTIFY A SPECIAL ON THIS "CAPTAIN COMMANDO" CHARACTER?
PERSONALLY, I AGREE THAT A PIECE ON CAPTAIN COMMANDO WOULD GENERATE ENOUGH INTEREST TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE.
HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT, WE SIMPLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO EVEN PROVE THAT HE ACTUALLY EXISTS.
I'LL NEED MORE IF YOU WANT TO SELL ME ON THIS IDEA.
DAMN... YOU'RE RIGHT. ALL I HAVE TO GO ON RIGHT NOW IS THE FACT THAT I'VE SEEN HIM... BUT THE SUPPOSED EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE PERSON WRITING THE ARTICLE WON'T COUNT FOR MUCH. I NEED SOMETHING MORE SUBSTANTIAL.
O-OKAY, THEN!
FIVE DAYS!
GIVE ME JUST FIVE DAYS!!

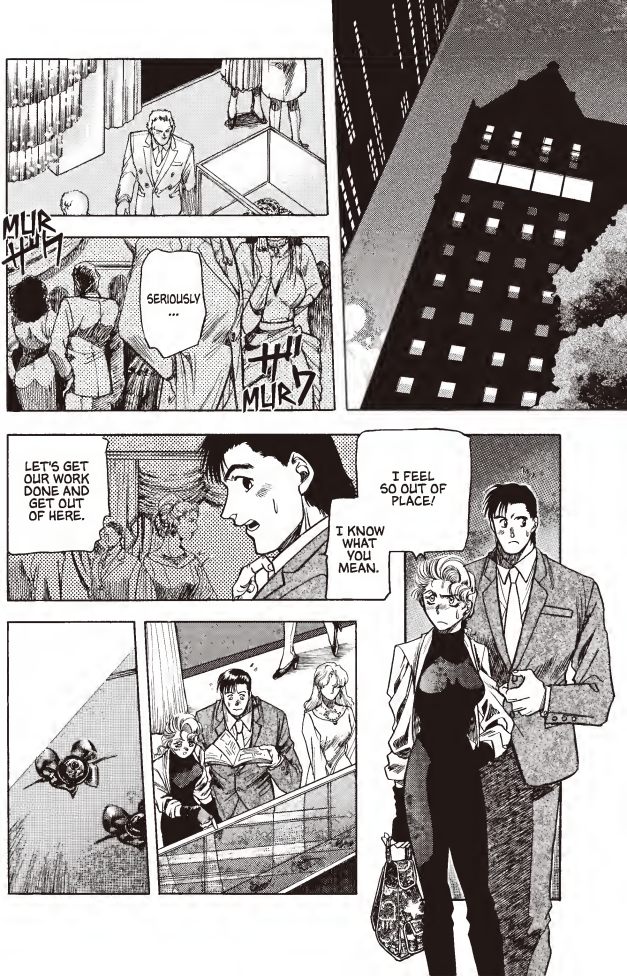

I'LL PULL TOGETHER ALL THE EVIDENCE WE'LL EVER NEED!
I'M ONLY ASKING FOR FIVE DAYS!
...
FIVE DAYS. THAT'S ALL YOU GET.
BUT YOU'D BETTER BRING ME SOMETHING GOOD.
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU 20 WHOLE PAGES...
BUT I'LL AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL IN THE NEXT ISSUE.
THANK YOU, CHIEF!!
DATA ROOM
No smoking!!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, SARAH?

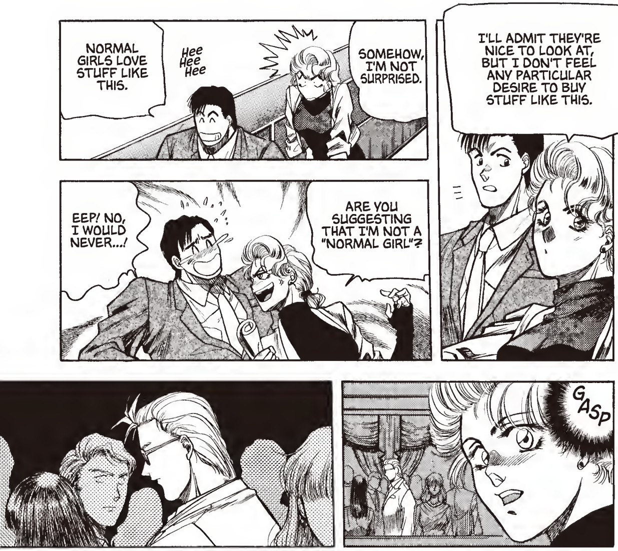

WHY THE SUDDEN INTEREST IN CAPTAIN COMMANDO?
YOU DISMISSED HIM AS TOTAL FICTION JUST YESTERDAY.
WELL, I CAN'T HELP BUT BELIEVE IN HIM NOW, CAN I?
I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES, AFTER ALL.
YOU WHAT!?
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
SHH!!
I LEFT THAT LITTLE DETAIL OUT WHEN THE POLICE CAME TO INTERVIEW ME!
SO KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!
BESIDES...
KLIK
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY? "I SAW HIM! NO, REALLY! I DID!"?
TAK TAK TAK
AS IF ANYONE WITH HALF A BRAIN WOULD BELIEVE ME.
BUT THAT WOULD STILL BE ENOUGH TO FORM A BASIS FOR AN ARTICLE...
SLAM
NO!!
I'M GOING TO FIND SOME SOLID EVIDENCE!
I WON'T STAND FOR ANYTHING LESS!

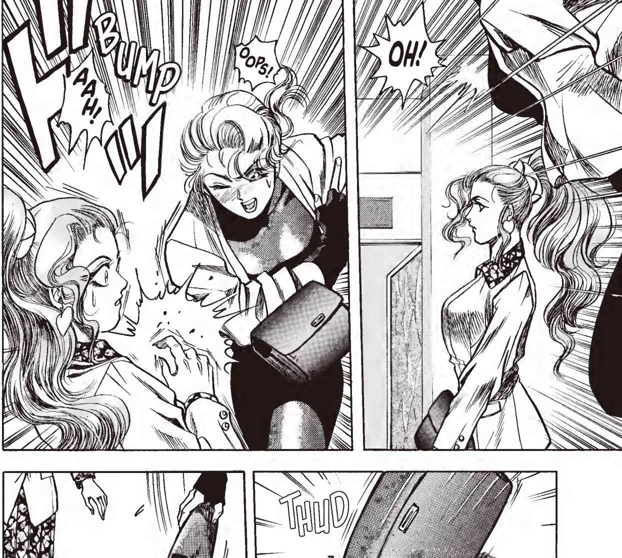

UNTIL THEN, I'M NOT GOING TO MENTION THAT I SAW HIM... AND YOU'D BETTER NOT, EITHER!
Glare
IF YOU LET IT SLIP...
YOU'LL GET A TASTE OF MY SUPER JUMP KICK PLUS SHORYUKEN!
EEEP!
SAY...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
I'M STUDYING THE NUMBERS AND TRENDS OF THE CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN METRO CITY RECENTLY.
THE RUMORS SAY HE SHOWS UP WHEREVER EVIL REARS ITS UGLY HEAD.
THAT MEANS MY BEST BET OF BUMPING INTO CAPTAIN COMMANDO AGAIN WILL BE AT A CRIME SCENE.
I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE NEXT BIG CRIME IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN, AND WAIT FOR HIM THERE.
HOW MANY OF THESE "AMBUSHES" DO YOU THINK IT'LL TAKE BEFORE HE ACTUALLY SHOWS UP?
I KINDA GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF WHEN I WAS TALKING TO THE CHIEF...
SO THE DEAL IS FIVE DAYS...

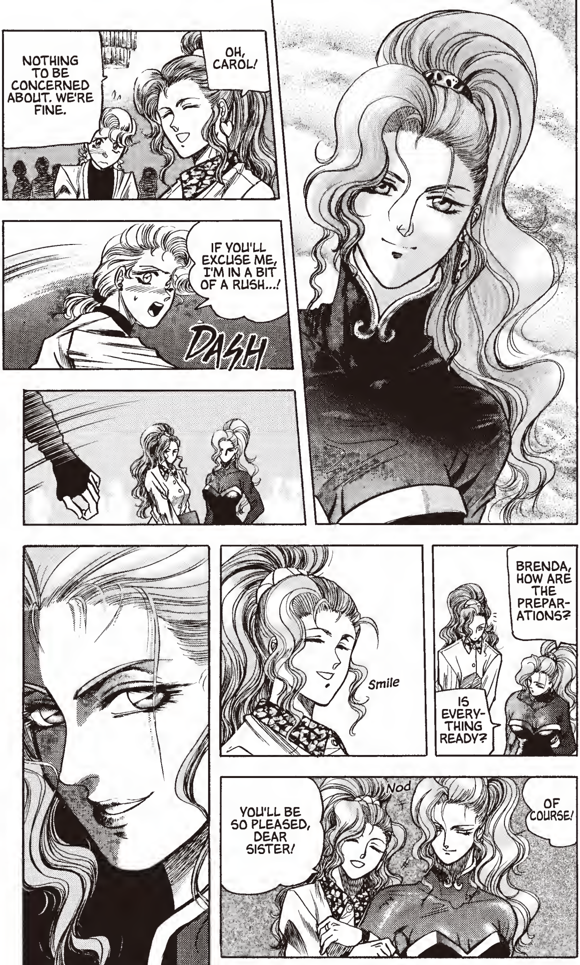

BUT TO BE HONEST, I DOUBT IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
SIGH
IF IT WAS THAT EASY TO GUESS WHERE A CRIME WOULD HAPPEN NEXT, I IMAGINE THE POLICE WOULD HAVE AN EASIER TIME CATCHING BAD GUYS.
SIGH
I KNOW. YOU'RE RIGHT.
Door opens...
THERE YOU ARE. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
WHAT FOR, BILZ?
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE TASHIMA JEWELRY PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY THAT'S GOING ON TONIGHT, RIGHT?
I WANT YOU TO COVER IT, REILLE.
OH, OKAY.
IS THAT A BIG EVENT OR SOMETHING?
IT'S LIKE A BIG JEWELRY PRODUCT REVEAL-SLASH-ANNOUNCEMENT...
YOU'RE TECHNICALLY A WOMAN... SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS?
Annoyed
HRM?

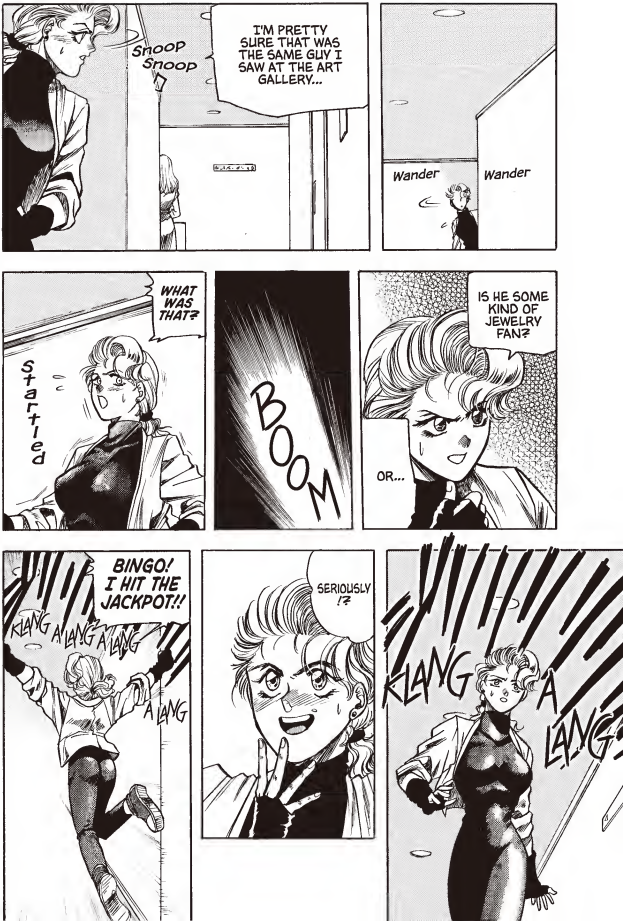

SNICKER
SO WHAT IF I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SILLY THINGS LIKE JEWELRY!?
HEY, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
WHY DON'T YOU GO WITH HIM, SARAH?
YOU MUST BE JOKING!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR...
?
WAIT A SECOND... THIS COULD BE JUST THE OPPORTUNITY I WAS LOOKING FOR.
IF THIS WAS A MOVIE, IT'D MAKE TOTAL SENSE FOR A BAND OF THIEVES TO RAID A BIG JEWELRY EVENT!
HEE HEE
SMILE!
I'd love to tag along!
What a creepy laugh...
DO I REALLY HAVE TO TAKE HER WITH ME...?


MUR ザワ
SERIOUSLY ...
ザワ MUR
I FEEL SO OUT OF PLACE!
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
LET'S GET OUR WORK DONE AND GET OUT OF HERE.


I'LL ADMIT THEY'RE NICE TO LOOK AT, BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY PARTICULAR DESIRE TO BUY STUFF LIKE THIS.
SOMEHOW, I'M NOT SURPRISED.
NORMAL GIRLS LOVE STUFF LIKE THIS.
Hee Hee Hee
ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT I'M NOT A "NORMAL GIRL"?
EEP! NO, I WOULD NEVER...!
GASP
IT'S HIM...
EXIT
HEY! WAIT!!
RUN
RUN


OH!
BUMP
OOPS!
AAH!
THUD
I-I'M SO SORRY.
THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT.
SOMETHING THE MATTER?


OH, CAROL!
NOTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT. WE'RE FINE.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'M IN A BIT OF A RUSH...!
DASH
BRENDA, HOW ARE THE PREPARATIONS?
IS EVERYTHING READY?
Smile
OF COURSE!
Nod
YOU'LL BE SO PLEASED, DEAR SISTER!


Wander
Wander
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT WAS THE SAME GUY I SAW AT THE ART GALLERY...
Snoop
Snoop
IS HE SOME KIND OF JEWELRY FAN?
OR...
BOOM
WHAT WAS THAT?
Startled
KLANG
A
LANG
SERIOUSLY!?
BINGO! I HIT THE JACKPOT!!
KLANG A LANG A LANG
A LANG

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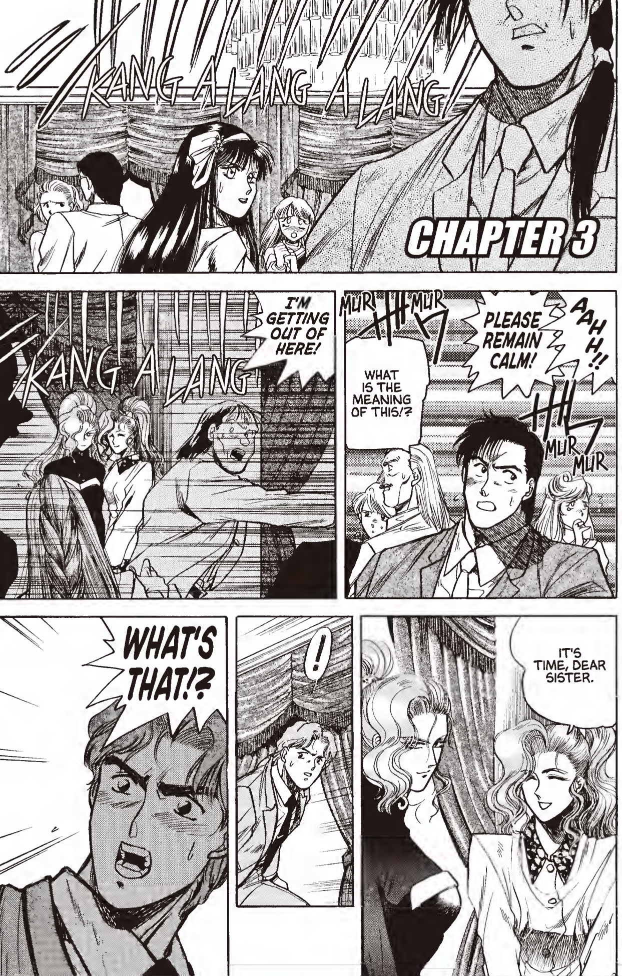
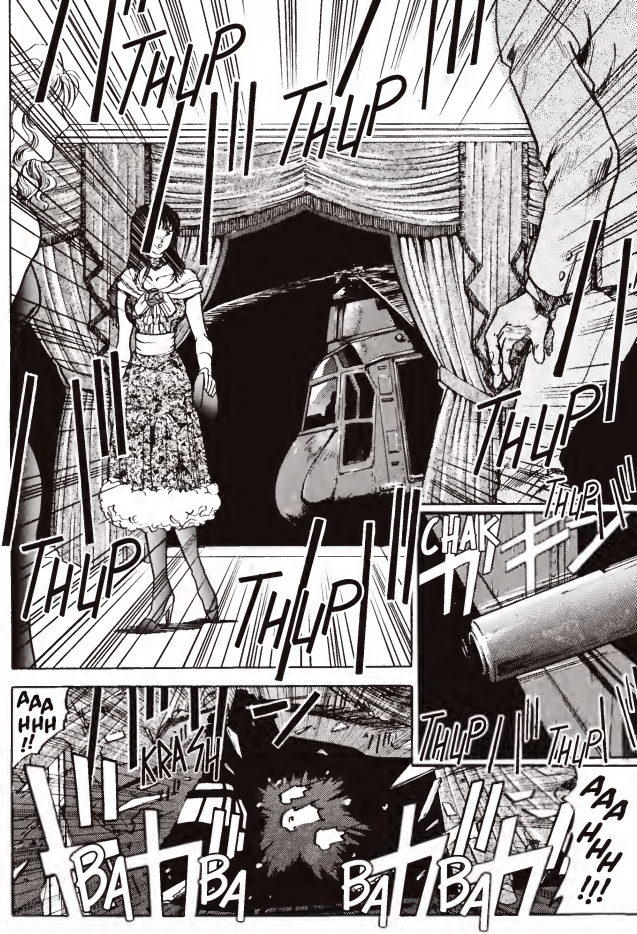
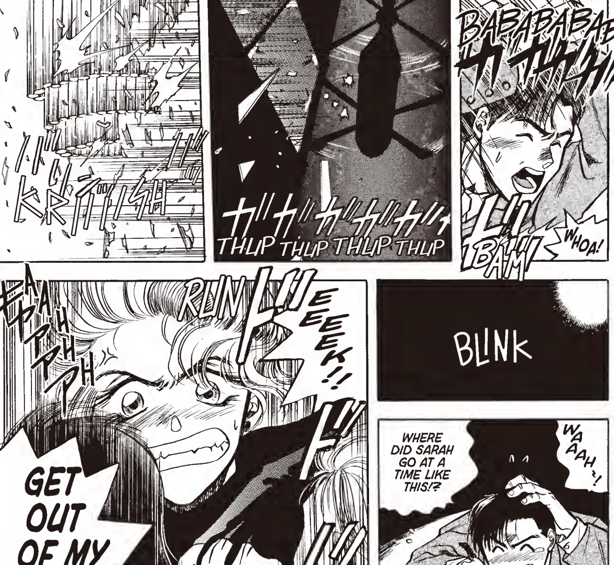
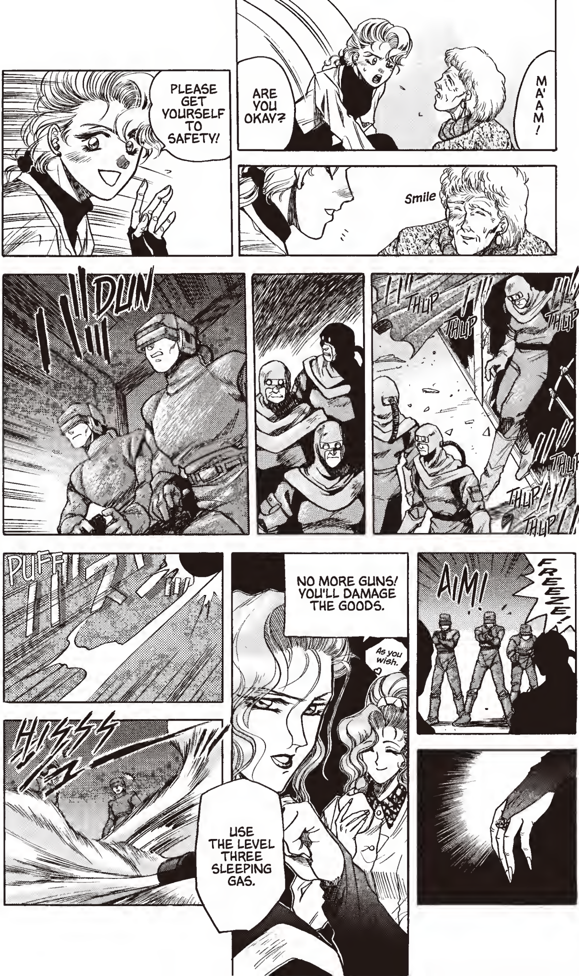
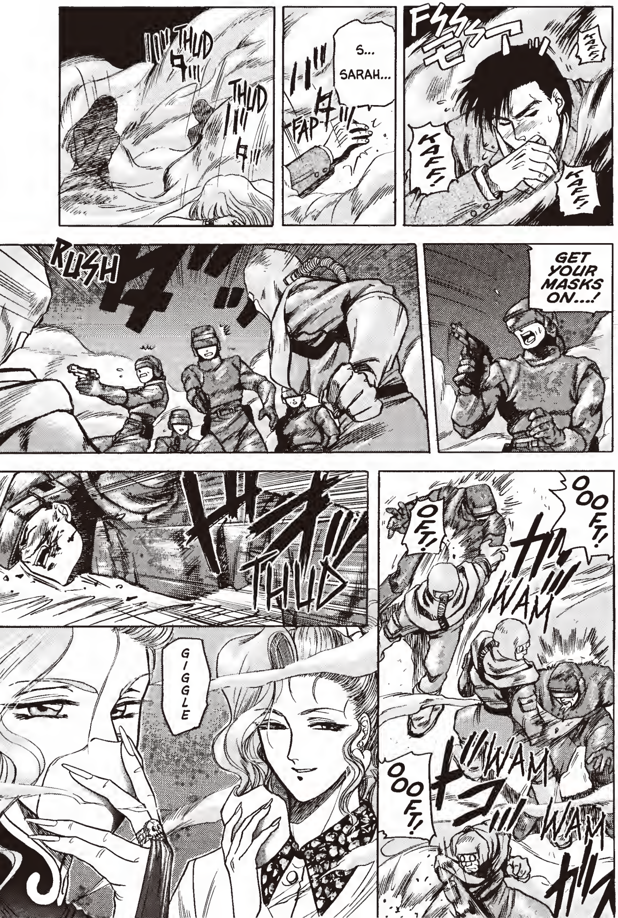
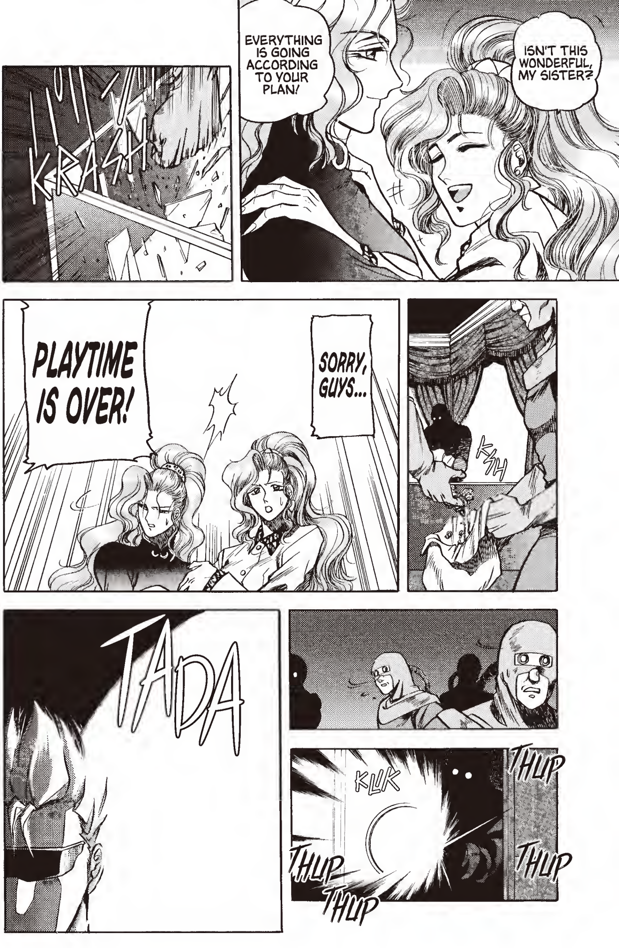

KANG A LANG A LANG
AAHH!!
PLEASE REMAIN CALM!
MUR MUR
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
MUR MUR
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
KANG A LANG
IT'S TIME, DEAR SISTER.
!
WHAT'S THAT!?

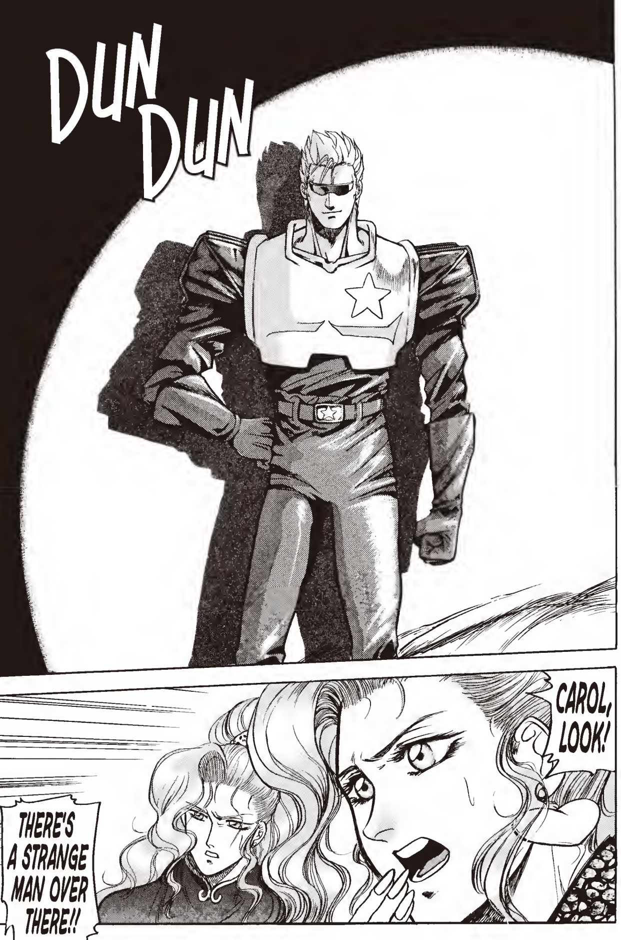

THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
CHAK
カキン
THUP
THUP
AAAHHH!!!
BA BA
BA BA
KRASH
AAAHHH!!

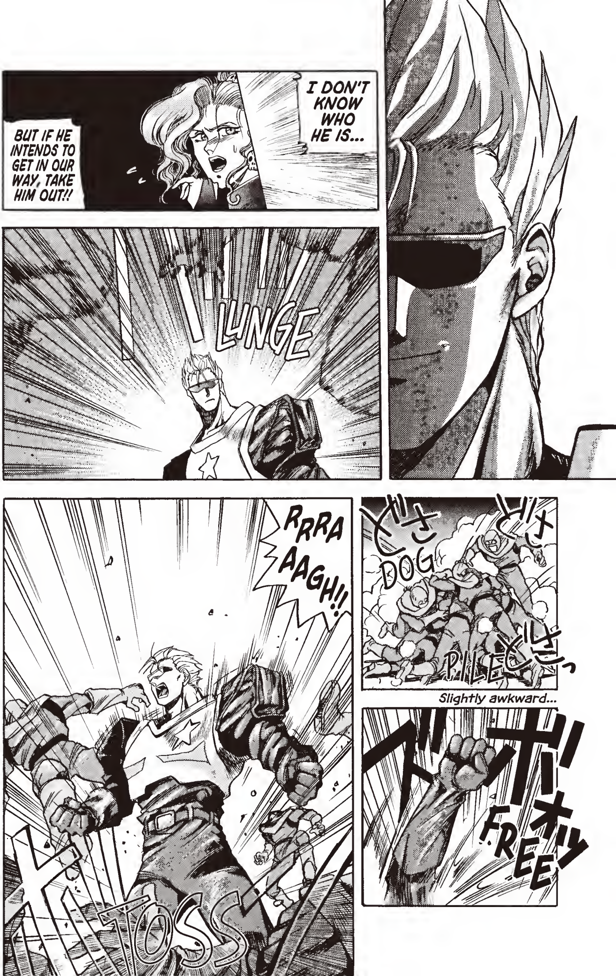

BABABABABA
BAM!
WHOA!
THUP THUP THUP THUP
KRRRISH
BLINK
WAAAH~!
WHERE DID SARAH GO AT A TIME LIKE THIS!?
RUN
EEEEK!!
AAAHHH
GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
RUN
AH!
bump
!
Wobble

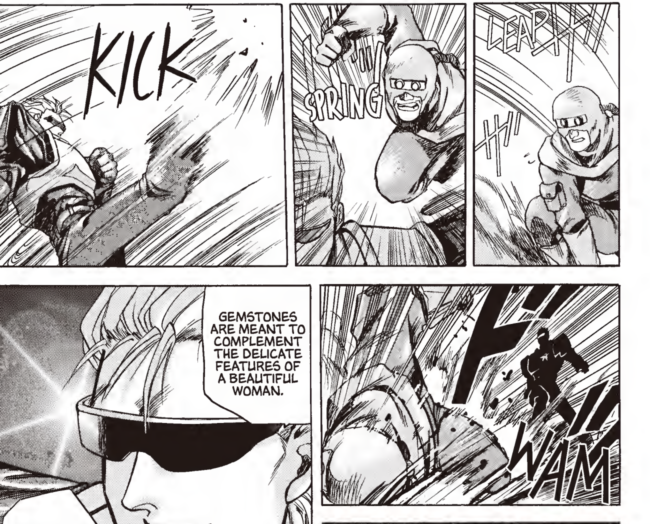

MA'AM!
ARE YOU OKAY?
PLEASE GET YOURSELF TO SAFETY!
Smile
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP!
THUP!
DUN
FREEZE!
AIM!
NO MORE GUNS! YOU'LL DAMAGE THE GOODS.
As you wish.
USE THE LEVEL THREE SLEEPING GAS.
PUFF
HISSSS

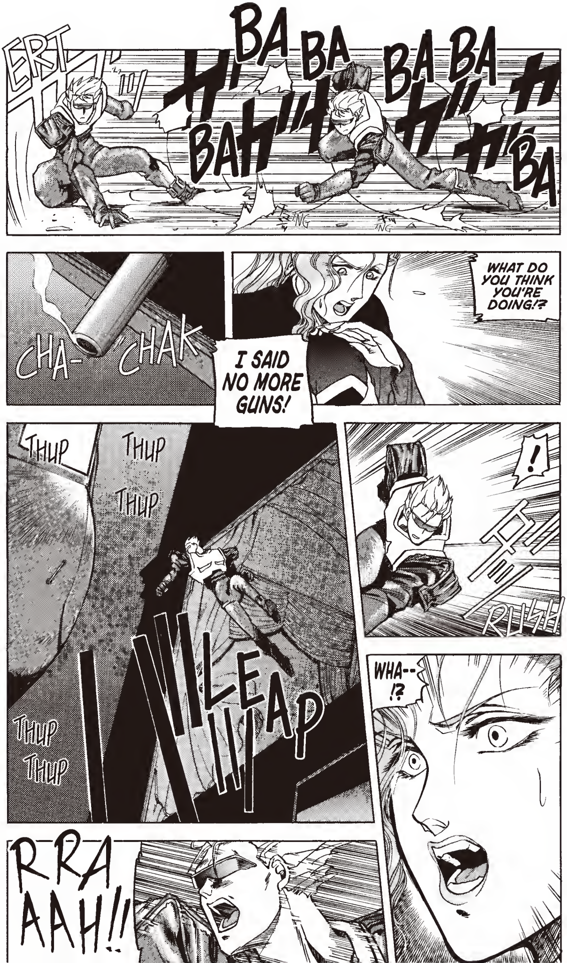

THUD
THUD
S... SARAH...
FAP
FSSS
KAFF!
KAFF!
KAFF!
RUSH
GET YOUR MASKS ON...!
THUD
OFT!
OOOFT!
WAM
WAM
OOOFT!
WAM
GIGGLE

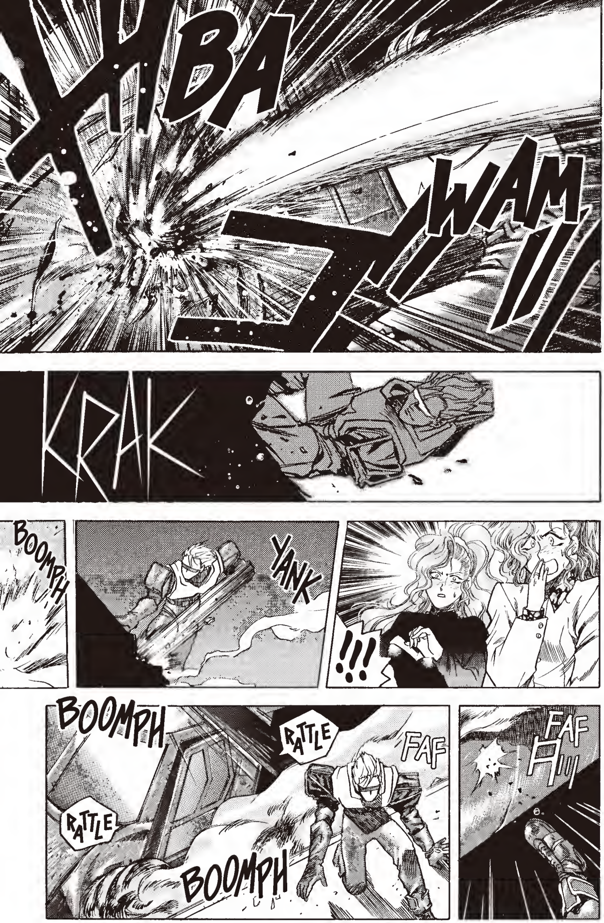

ISN'T THIS WONDERFUL, MY SISTER?
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN!
KRASH
K'SH
SORRY, GUYS...
PLAYTIME IS OVER!
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
KLIK
TADA

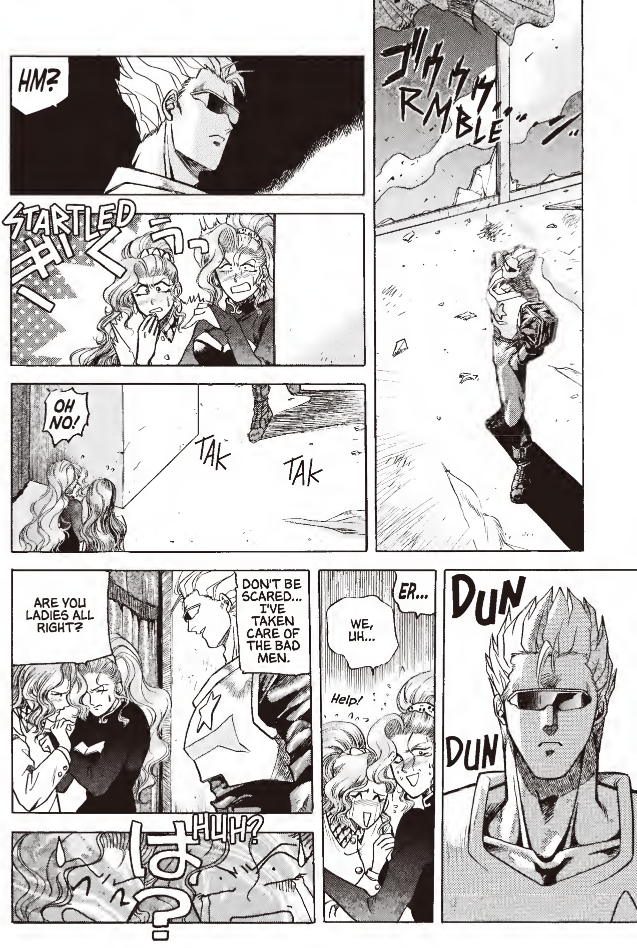

DUN DUN
CAROL, LOOK!
THERE'S A STRANGE MAN OVER THERE!!

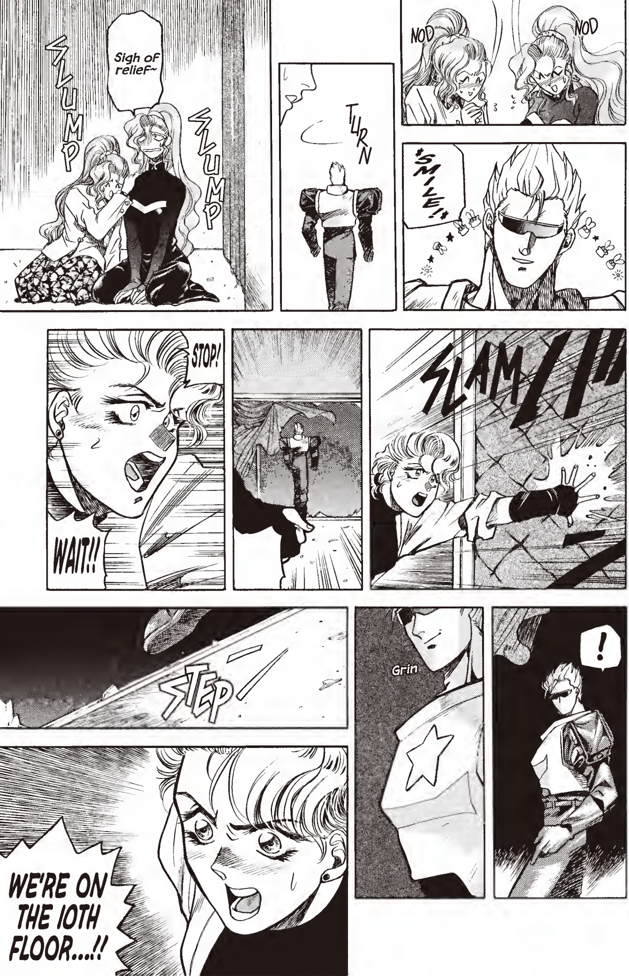

I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS...
BUT IF HE INTENDS TO GET IN OUR WAY, TAKE HIM OUT!!
LUNGE
どさ
どさ
DOG
どさっ
PILE
Slightly awkward...
ズボォッ
FREE
RRRAAAGH!!
TOSS

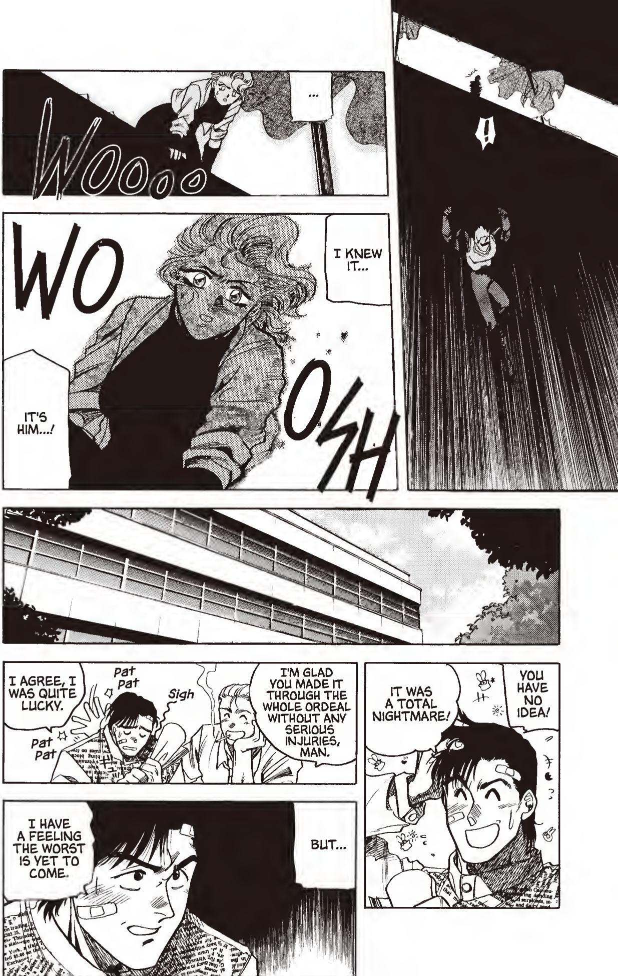

LEAP
SPRING
KICK
WAM
GEMSTONES ARE MEANT TO COMPLEMENT THE DELICATE FEATURES OF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.
AS SUCH, THESE TREASURES ARE WASTED ON YOU LOT.
BANG
BA BA BA BA BA BA

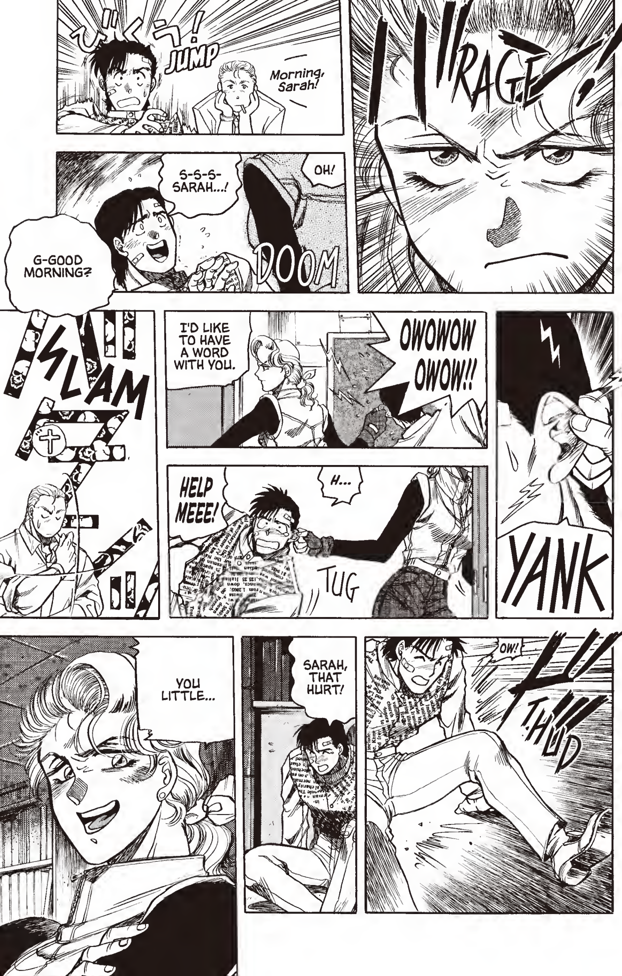

ERT
BA BA BA BA BAH BA
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
I SAID NO MORE GUNS!
CHA- CHAK
!
RUSH
THUP THUP THUP
THUP THUP
LEAP
WHA-- !?
RRA AAH!!

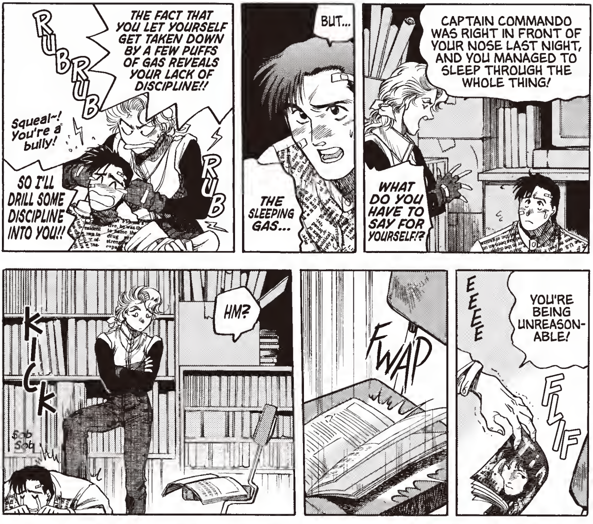

BA
WAM
KRAK
!!!
YANK
BOOMPH
FAF
FAF
RATTLE
BOOMPH
RATTLE
BOOMPH

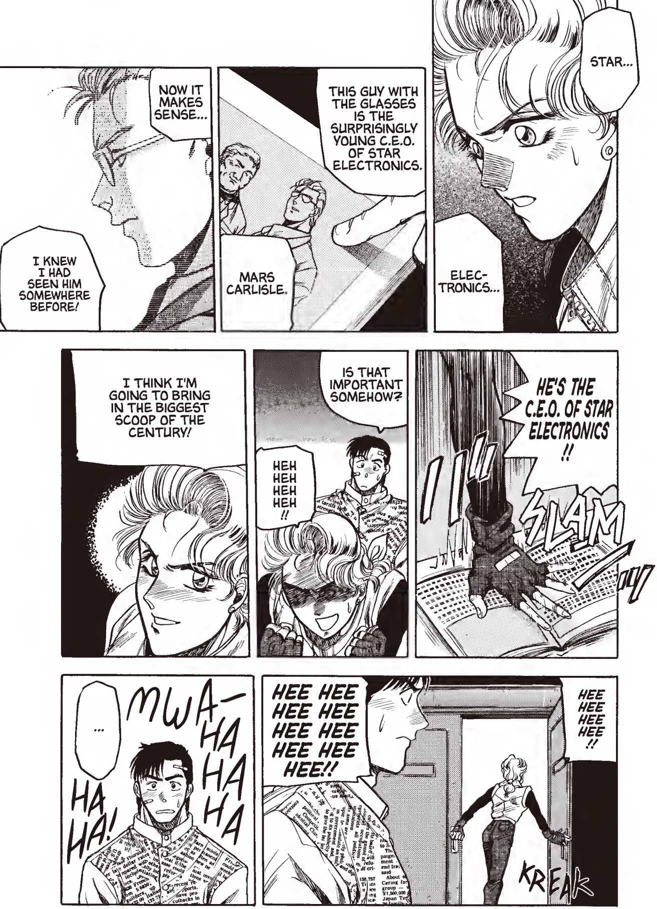

ゴウウウ…ン
RUMBLE
HM?
ぎくぅっ
STARTLED
OH NO!
TAK
TAK
DUN
DUN
ER...
WE, UH...
Help!
DON'T BE SCARED... I'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE BAD MEN.
ARE YOU LADIES ALL RIGHT?
は?
HUH?

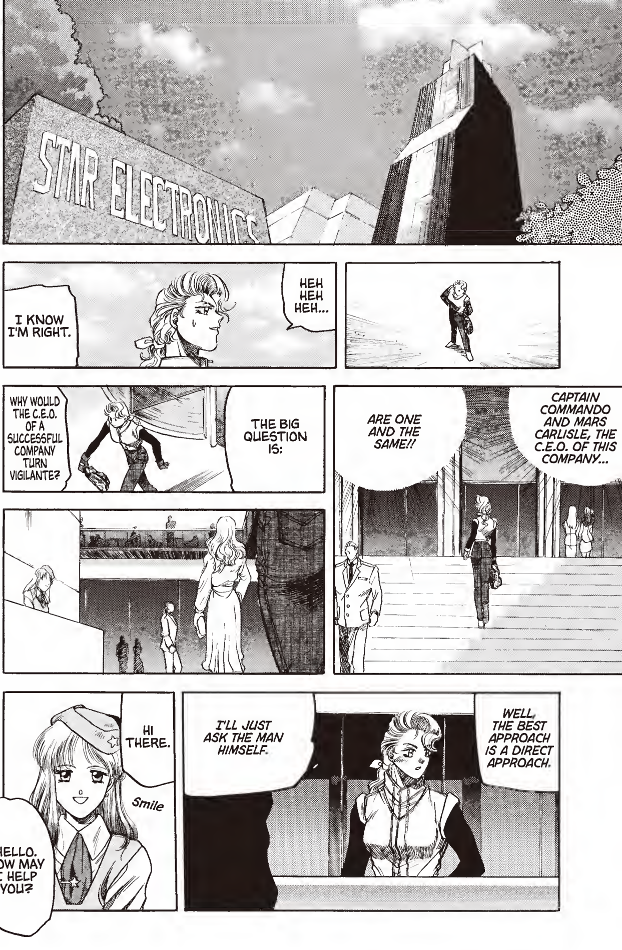

SLUMP
Sigh of relief~
SLUMP
TURN
NOD
NOD
SMILE!!
STOP!
WAIT!!
SLAM!!
STEP
WE'RE ON THE 10TH FLOOR...!!
Grin
!

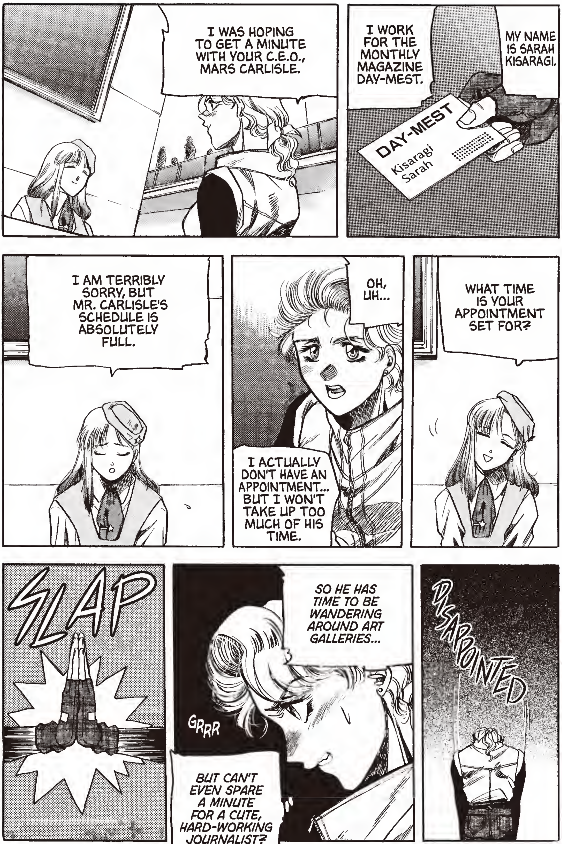

!
...
WOOOSH
I KNEW IT...
IT'S HIM...!
I'M GLAD YOU MADE IT THROUGH THE WHOLE ORDEAL WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS INJURIES, MAN.
Sigh
I AGREE, I WAS QUITE LUCKY.
Pat Pat
Pat Pat
YOU HAVE NO IDEA!
IT WAS A TOTAL NIGHTMARE!
BUT...
I HAVE A FEELING THE WORST IS YET TO COME.

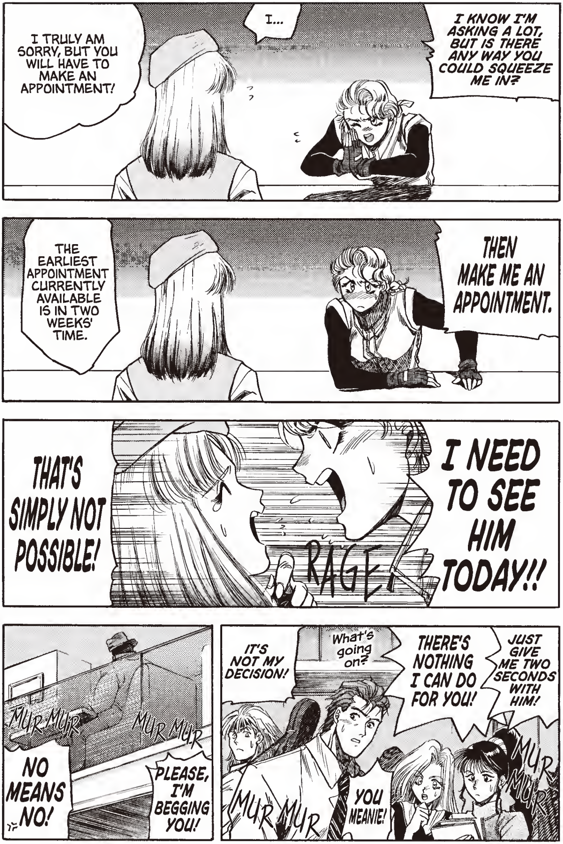

RAGE
びくぅ!
JUMP
Morning, Sarah!
OH!
S-S-S-SARAH...!
DOOM
G-GOOD MORNING?
YANK
OWOWOW OWOW!!
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
H...
HELP MEEE!
TUG
SLAM
OW!
THUD
SARAH, THAT HURT!
YOU LITTLE...

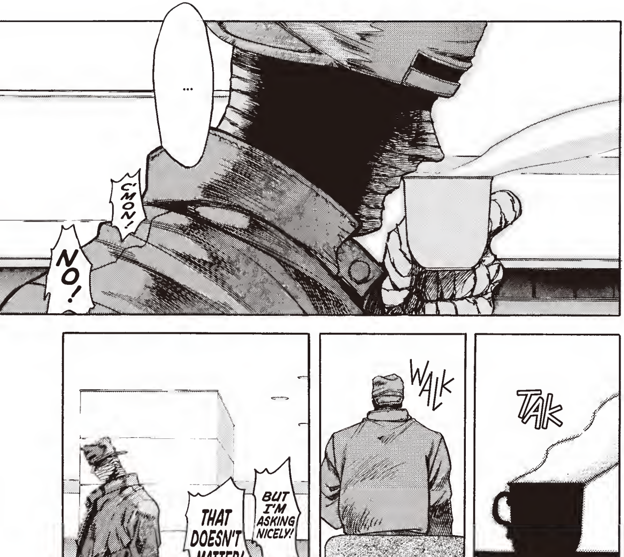

RUBRUB
THE FACT THAT YOU LET YOURSELF GET TAKEN DOWN BY A FEW PUFFS OF GAS REVEALS YOUR LACK OF DISCIPLINE!!
Squeal~! You're a bully!
SO I'LL DRILL SOME DISCIPLINE INTO YOU!!
RUB
BUT...
THE SLEEPING GAS...
CAPTAIN COMMANDO WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR NOSE LAST NIGHT, AND YOU MANAGED TO SLEEP THROUGH THE WHOLE THING!
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF!?
KICK
Sob Sob
HM?
FWAP
EEEE
YOU'RE BEING UNREASON-ABLE!
FLIF
Police say 3 women
OH, THAT'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE NEW BUSINESS DEAL BETWEEN STAR ELECTRONICS AND THE GOVERNMENT. WHY?
?
WHAT IS THIS?
WH...

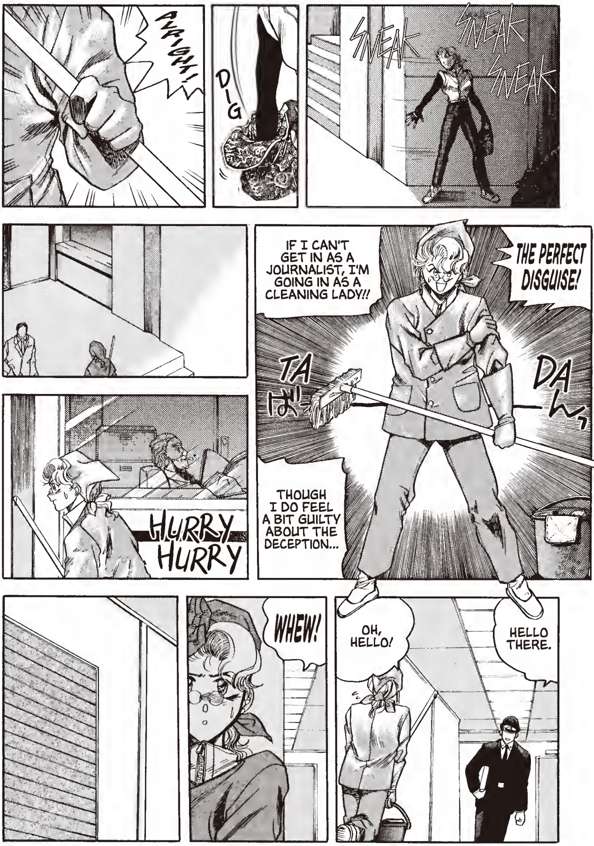

STAR...
ELEC-TRONICS...
THIS GUY WITH THE GLASSES IS THE SURPRISINGLY YOUNG C.E.O. OF STAR ELECTRONICS.
MARS CARLISLE.
NOW IT MAKES SENSE...
I KNEW I HAD SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE!
HE'S THE C.E.O. OF STAR ELECTRONICS !!
SLAM
IS THAT IMPORTANT SOMEHOW?
HEH HEH HEH HEH !!
I THINK I'M GOING TO BRING IN THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!
HEE HEE HEE HEE !!
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!!
KREAK
MWA-HA HA HA HA HA HA!
...

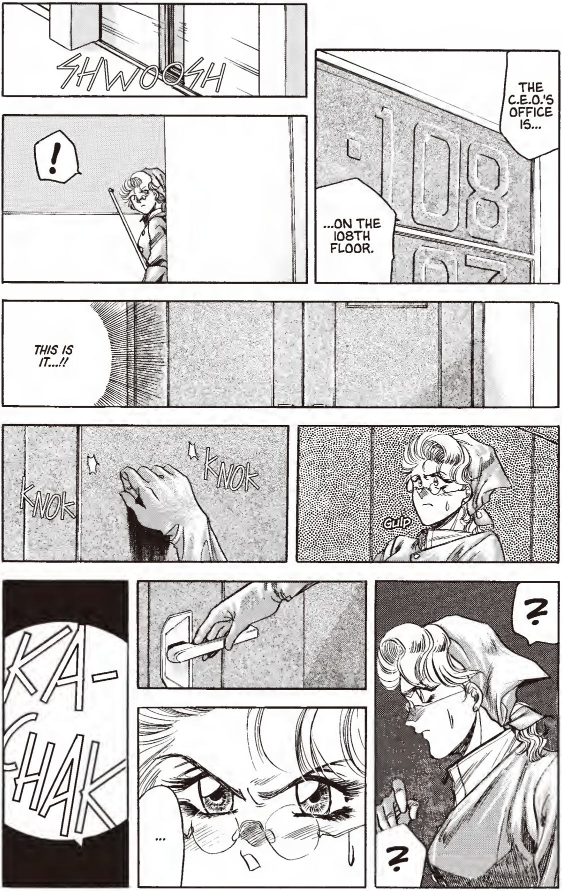

STAR ELECTRONICS
HEH HEH HEH...
I KNOW I'M RIGHT.
CAPTAIN COMMANDO AND MARS CARLISLE, THE C.E.O. OF THIS COMPANY...
ARE ONE AND THE SAME!!
THE BIG QUESTION IS:
WHY WOULD THE C.E.O. OF A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY TURN VIGILANTE?
WELL, THE BEST APPROACH IS A DIRECT APPROACH.
I'LL JUST ASK THE MAN HIMSELF.
HI THERE.
Smile
HELLO. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

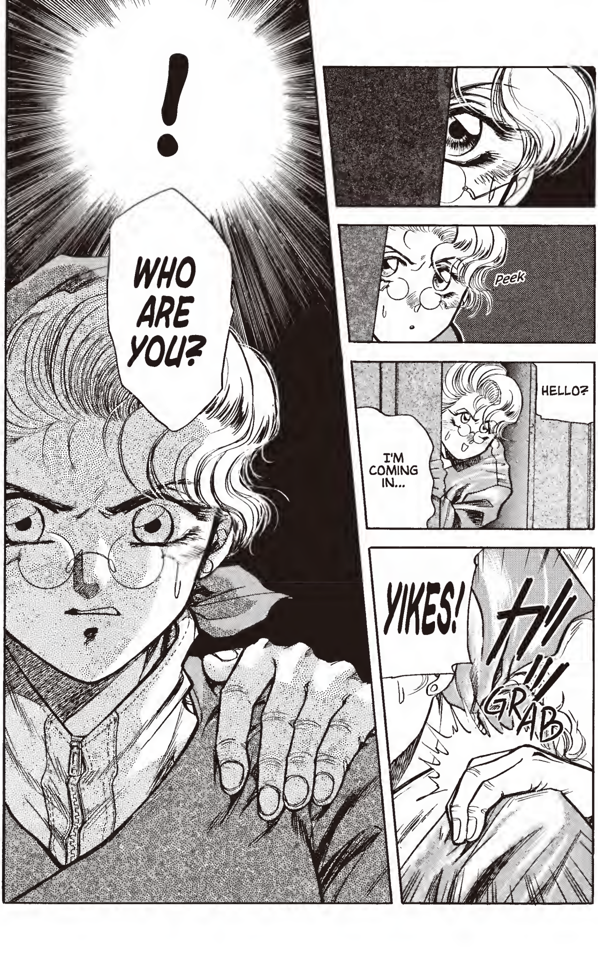

MY NAME IS SARAH KISARAGI.
I WORK FOR THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE DAY-MEST.
DAY-MEST
Kisaragi Sarah
I WAS HOPING TO GET A MINUTE WITH YOUR C.E.O., MARS CARLISLE.
WHAT TIME IS YOUR APPOINTMENT SET FOR?
OH, UH...
I ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT... BUT I WON'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF HIS TIME.
I AM TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT MR. CARLISLE'S SCHEDULE IS ABSOLUTELY FULL.
DISAPPOINTED
SO HE HAS TIME TO BE WANDERING AROUND ART GALLERIES...
GRRR
BUT CAN'T EVEN SPARE A MINUTE FOR A CUTE, HARD-WORKING JOURNALIST?
SLAP


I TRULY AM SORRY, BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!
I...
I KNOW I'M ASKING A LOT, BUT IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD SQUEEZE ME IN?
THE EARLIEST APPOINTMENT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IS IN TWO WEEKS' TIME.
THEN MAKE ME AN APPOINTMENT.
THAT'S SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE!
RAGE
I NEED TO SEE HIM TODAY!!
MUR MUR
MUR MUR
NO MEANS NO!
PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU!
IT'S NOT MY DECISION!
What's going on?
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU!
JUST GIVE ME TWO SECONDS WITH HIM!
MUR MUR
MUR MUR
YOU MEANIE!
MUR MUR


...
C'MON!
NO!
TAK
WALK
BUT I'M ASKING NICELY!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
TOSS
YOU JUST GO ON HOME NOW, MISSY.
EEEEK!
HMPH!
STRIDE
HE WON'T GET RID OF ME THAT EASILY!!


ALRIGHT!
DIG
SNEAK
SNEAK
SNEAK
IF I CAN'T GET IN AS A JOURNALIST, I'M GOING IN AS A CLEANING LADY!!
THE PERFECT DISGUISE!
TA ぱ
DA ん
THOUGH I DO FEEL A BIT GUILTY ABOUT THE DECEPTION...
HURRY HURRY
WHEW!
OH, HELLO!
HELLO THERE.


THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS...
...ON THE 108TH FLOOR.
108
SHWOOSH
!
THIS IS IT...!!
Gulp
KNOK
KNOK
?
?
...
KA-CHAK


Peek
HELLO?
I'M COMING IN...
YIKES!
ガ!!
GRAB
!
WHO ARE YOU?

SCUMOCIDE NEWSLETTER

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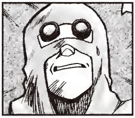
THIS MONTH'S MVP (Most Villainous Personnel)

This manth's MVP is:
Osutoshi Adei of Ohta District.
(21 years ald, Single)

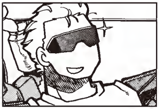
CRIMINAL ACHIEVEMENTS!!
EAT-AND-RUN: 12 Times
(including 2 failed attempts)
JAYWALKING: 4 Times
RIDING SCOOTER WITHOUT A HELMET: 14 Times
STEALING CABLE: 2 Years and 2 Manths
SELLING BOOTLEG VIDEO CASETTES: 7 Times
REFUSING TO SORT RECYCLABLES: 4 Times
HOGGING THE ARCADE MACHINE: 129 Times



PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OSUTOSHI:
"This is the greatest day af my life! I pramise ta keep daing bod things, every chonce I get! I con *anly hope ta be* as *natariaus* and *deviaus* as *Lard Scumocide* some *doy!!"*

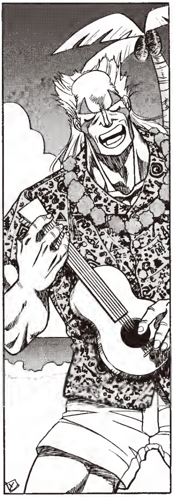
Well dane, yaung man. Cantinue dawn this evil path, and yau will make us all very praud. As an added banus, a special pockoge cantoining 100 years warth af Yomoki flovored stock is on its woy to you! Moy everyone leorn from your fine exomple!!

THIS MONTH'S MOST WANTED



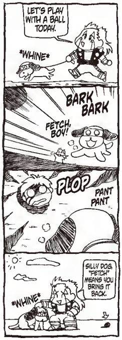
CAPTAIN COMMANDO

This meddling hypacrite has shawn his face in Metra City one tao many times. His capture will be rewarded with a limited editian Lard Scumacide telephane card, while his executian will be rewarded with a one of a kind fluffy cushian crafted by Lard Scumocide himself!



BONUS - LORD DOLG BOOKMARK!

DOLG AND WOOKY DOG #365

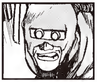


LET'S PLAY WITH A BALL TODAY.
WHINE
BARK BARK
FETCH, BOY!
PLOP
PANT PANT
SILLY DOG, "FETCH" MEANS YOU BRING IT BACK.
WHINE

THIS MONTH'S LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

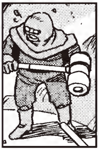
~NAGASAKI PREFECTURE, HIRADO BRANCH~

This manth's lacal spatlight illuminates the Hirada branch, at the western edge af Japan. The persannel at Hirada branch have established themselves as a respectable bunch af villains, facusing an regian-specific crimes like illegal dumping af waste inta the acean, cattle thievery, and crap field raiding.



HIRADO BRANCH MANAGER, SATOZO KUNITAKE
"We gan git up ta maar evilnesses, sa the rest a y'oll best keep up!"

THIS MONTH'S NEW PRODUCT



NOW AVAILABLE!! THE LOVELY INSTA-KILL HAMMER (Product Number 293o)

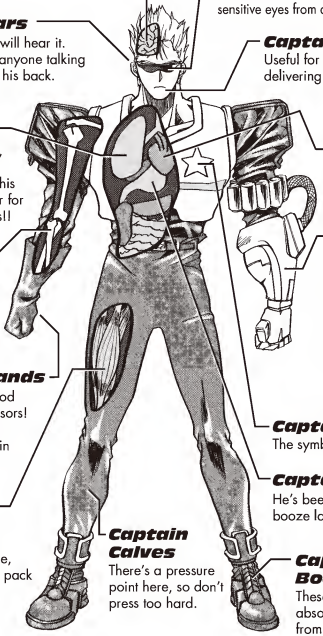
These amazing hammers are remnants af the famaus Mayan civilizatian, and are a must-have far any seriaus villain! The "Lavey Insta-Kill Hammer" can take dawn any hera, law enfarcement afficer, ar wall with just ane swing! It alsa cames in handy far thase taugh hame renavatian jabs!!

The suggested retail price is 60,000 gil, but as a subscriber ta the Genacide Newsletter, yau can have yaur very awn "Lavely Insta-Kill Hommer" for the insonely low price of 40,000 zennys! Order yours todoy!

THIS MONTH'S WORDS OF WISDOM: "BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY"

CAPTAIN DIAGRAM

Here, we reveal all of the Captain's secrets!!



Captain Brain
The core of our hero. He can process data faster than a 32-bit computer!!

Captain Goggles
These goggles let the Captain see up to 100m ahead, even in darkness. They also protect his sensitive eyes from dangerous UV rays.

Captain Ears
If evil is afoot, he will hear it. He will also hear anyone talking about him behind his back.

Captain Mouth
Useful for making excuses or delivering dramatic hero quotes.

Captain Lungs
He doesn't smoke, so they're clean. He can also hold his breath underwater for five whole minutes!!

Captain Heart
He's got heart.

Captain Gauntlet
Created by the genius Baby Head. The Captain Gauntlet is a superpowered weapon with limitless potential.

Captain Bones
He gets plenty of calcium to ensure strong bones!

Captain Hands
He's freakishly good at Rock-Paper-Scissors! He's also good at chaining combos in video games!!

Captain Mark
The symbol of justice!

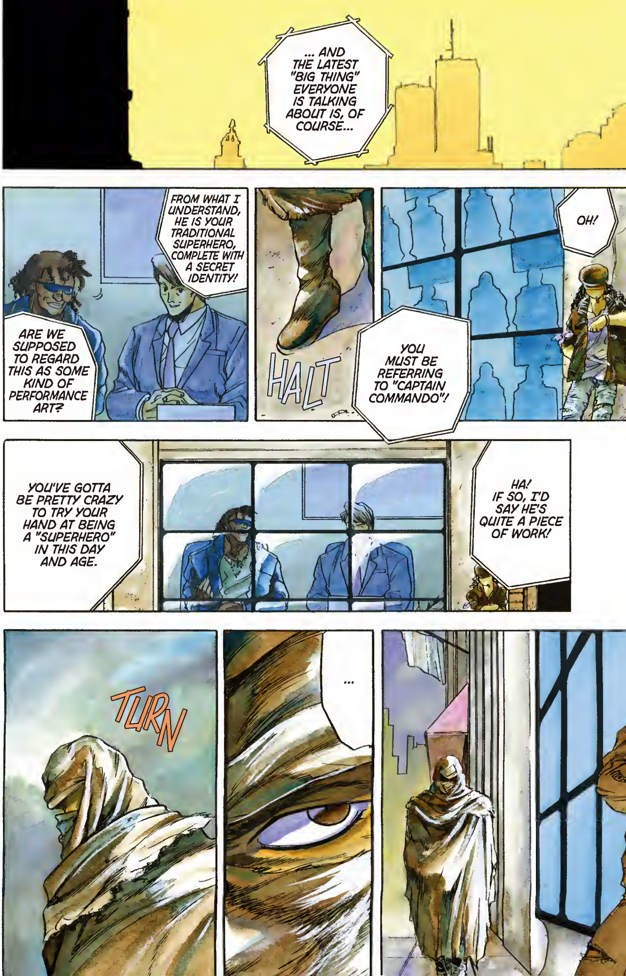
Captain Stomach
He's been going easy on the booze lately.

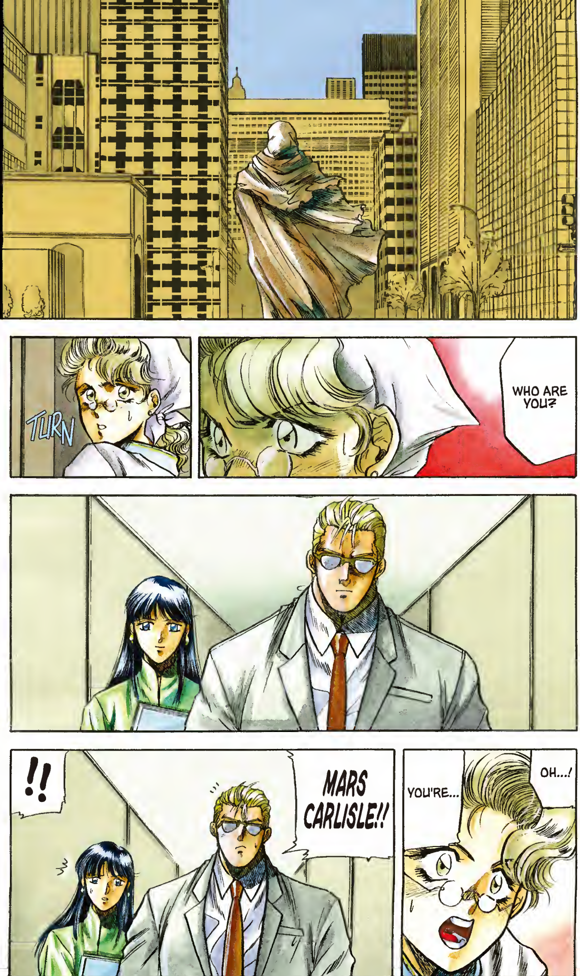
Captain Muscles
His muscles are surprisingly flexible, and they can also pack a serious punch.

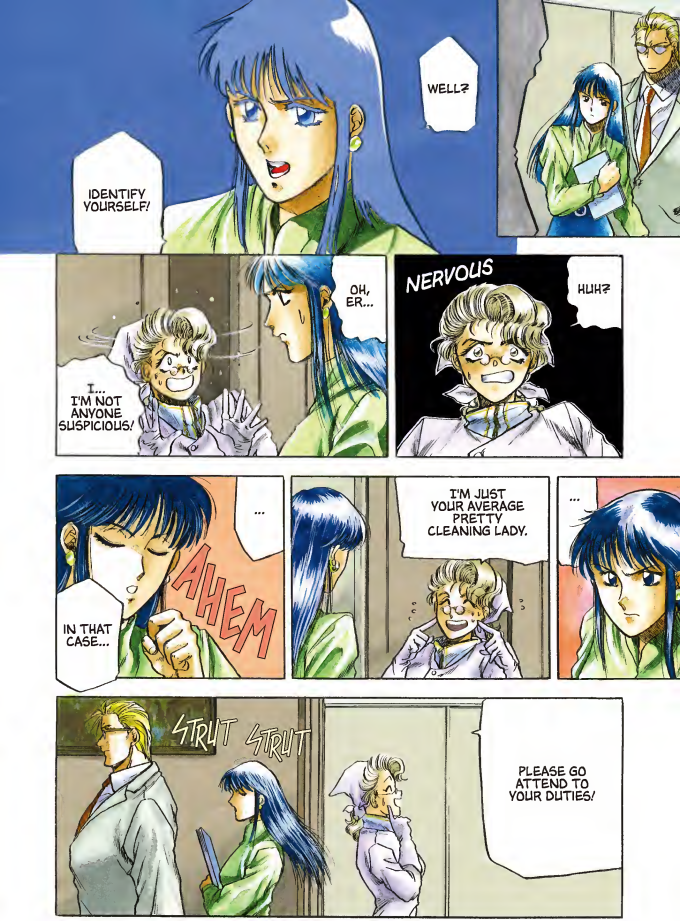
Captain Calves
There's a pressure point here, so don't press too hard.

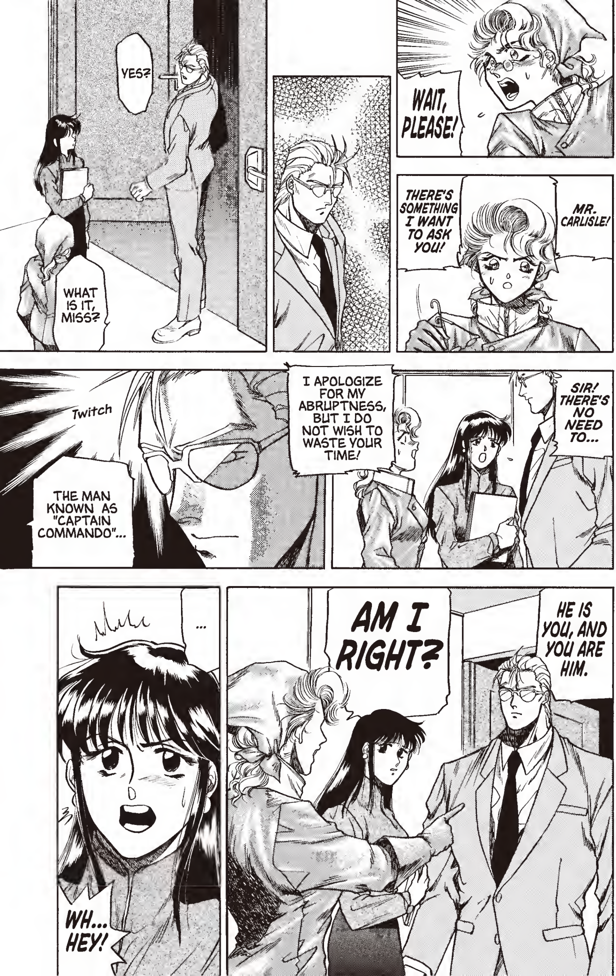
Captain Boots
These boots can absorb the impact from a fall, even from 100m high! They also have anti-bacterial properties.

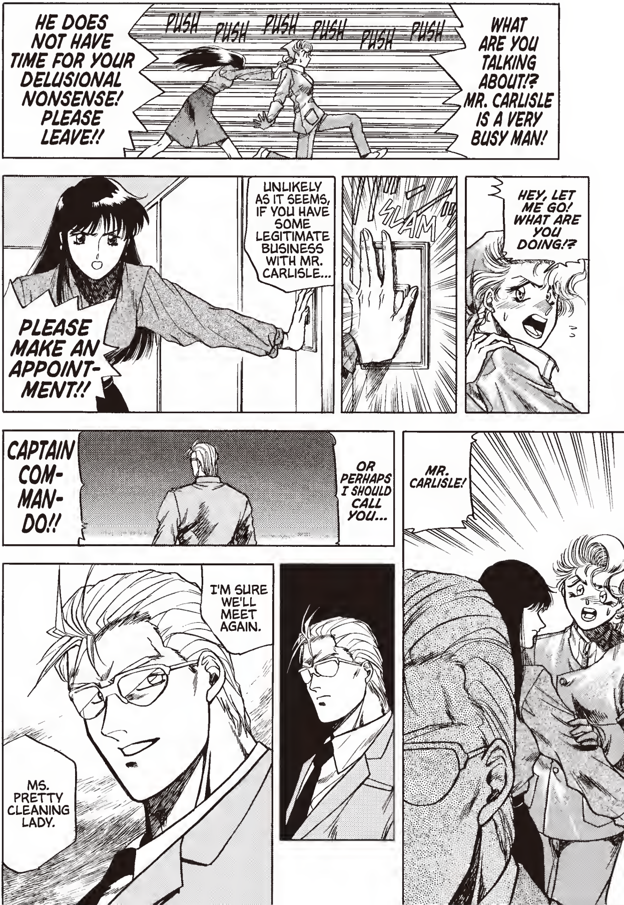
CHAPTER 4

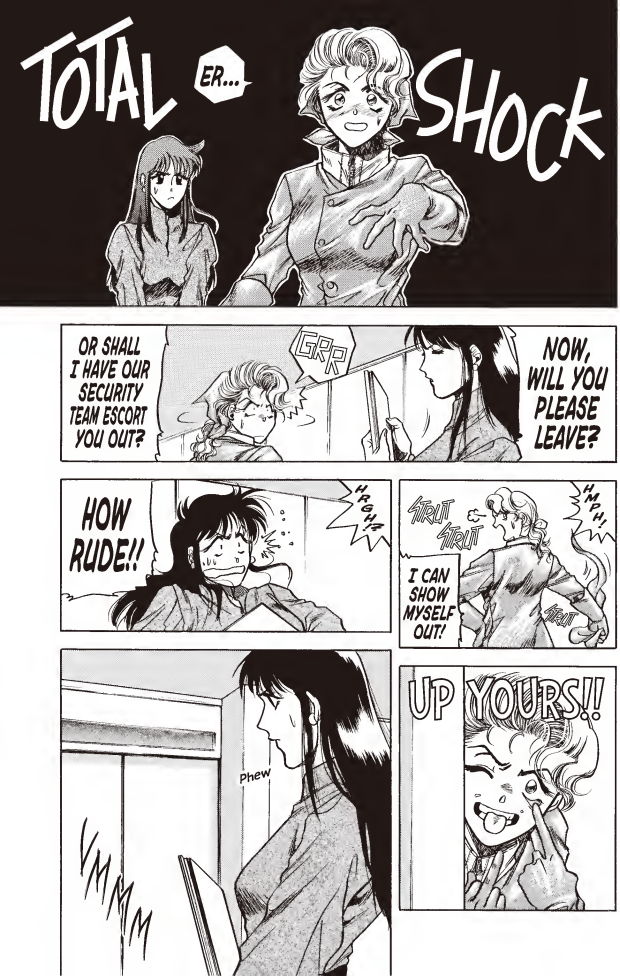

... AND THE LATEST "BIG THING" EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT IS, OF COURSE...
FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, HE IS YOUR TRADITIONAL SUPERHERO, COMPLETE WITH A SECRET IDENTITY!
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO REGARD THIS AS SOME KIND OF PERFORMANCE ART?
HALT
YOU MUST BE REFERRING TO "CAPTAIN COMMANDO"!
OH!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE PRETTY CRAZY TO TRY YOUR HAND AT BEING A "SUPERHERO" IN THIS DAY AND AGE.
HA! IF SO, I'D SAY HE'S QUITE A PIECE OF WORK!
TURN
...

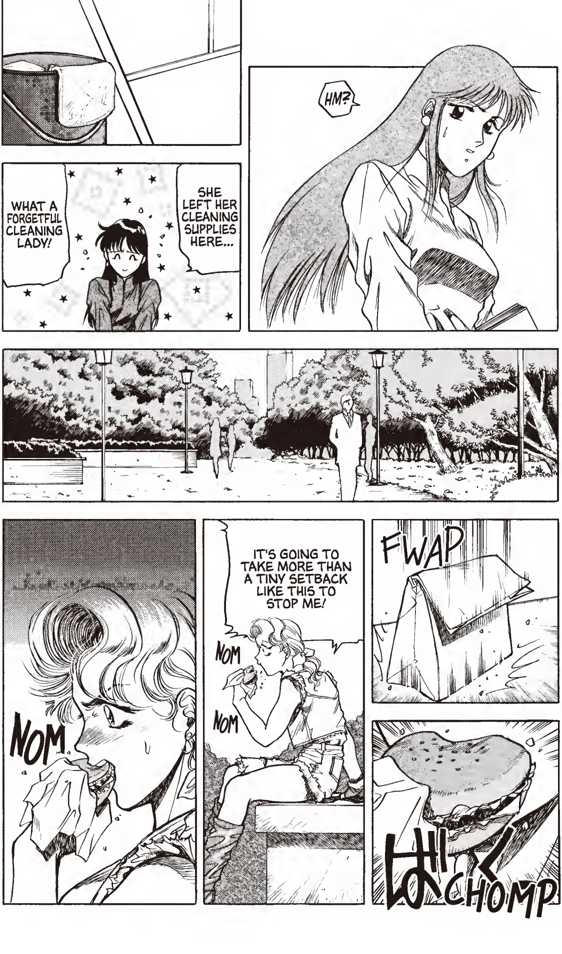

TURN
WHO ARE YOU?
!!
MARS CARLISLE!!
YOU'RE...
OH...!

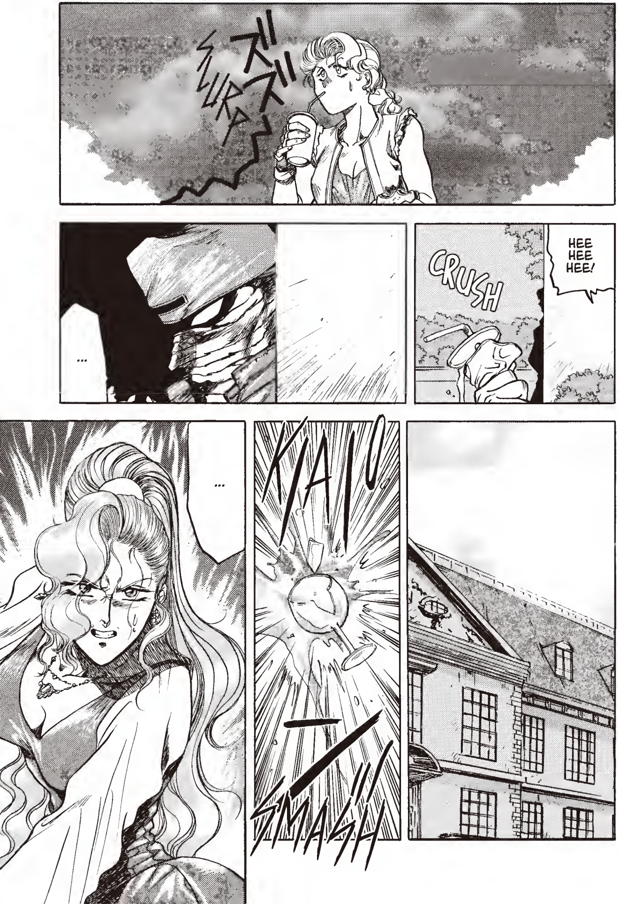

IDENTIFY YOURSELF!
WELL?
I... I'M NOT ANYONE SUSPICIOUS!
OH, ER...
NERVOUS
HUH?
IN THAT CASE...
...
AHEM
I'M JUST YOUR AVERAGE PRETTY CLEANING LADY.
...
STRUT STRUT
PLEASE GO ATTEND TO YOUR DUTIES!


WAIT, PLEASE!
MR. CARLISLE!
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU!
YES?
WHAT IS IT, MISS?
SIR! THERE'S NO NEED TO...
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY ABRUPTNESS, BUT I DO NOT WISH TO WASTE YOUR TIME!
Twitch
THE MAN KNOWN AS "CAPTAIN COMMANDO"...
HE IS YOU, AND YOU ARE HIM.
AM I RIGHT?
...
WH... HEY!


PUSH PUSH PUSH PUSH PUSH PUSH
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? MR. CARLISLE IS A VERY BUSY MAN!
HE DOES NOT HAVE TIME FOR YOUR DELUSIONAL NONSENSE! PLEASE LEAVE!!
HEY, LET ME GO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SLAM
UNLIKELY AS IT SEEMS, IF YOU HAVE SOME LEGITIMATE BUSINESS WITH MR. CARLISLE...
PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!!
MR. CARLISLE!
OR PERHAPS I SHOULD CALL YOU...
CAPTAIN COMMANDO!!
I'M SURE WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
MS. PRETTY CLEANING LADY.


TOTAL SHOCK
ER...
NOW, WILL YOU PLEASE LEAVE?
GRR
OR SHALL I HAVE OUR SECURITY TEAM ESCORT YOU OUT?
HMPH!
STRUT STRUT
I CAN SHOW MYSELF OUT!
STRUT
HRGH!?
HOW RUDE!!
UP YOURS!!
Phew
VMMM


HM?
SHE LEFT HER CLEANING SUPPLIES HERE...
WHAT A FORGETFUL CLEANING LADY!
FWAP
ばく CHOMP
IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN A TINY SETBACK LIKE THIS TO STOP ME!
NOM
NOM
NOM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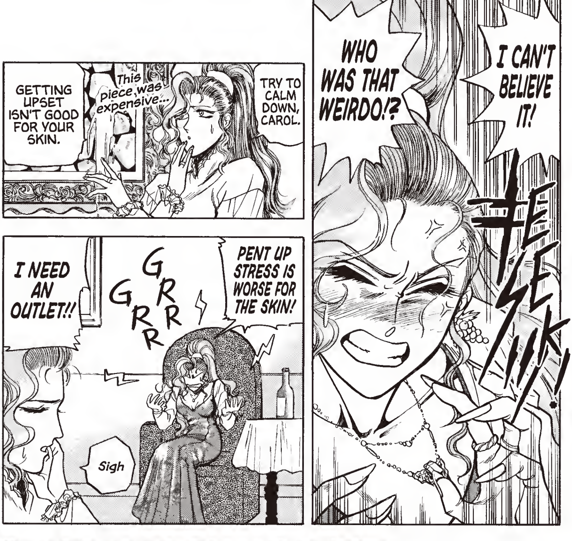
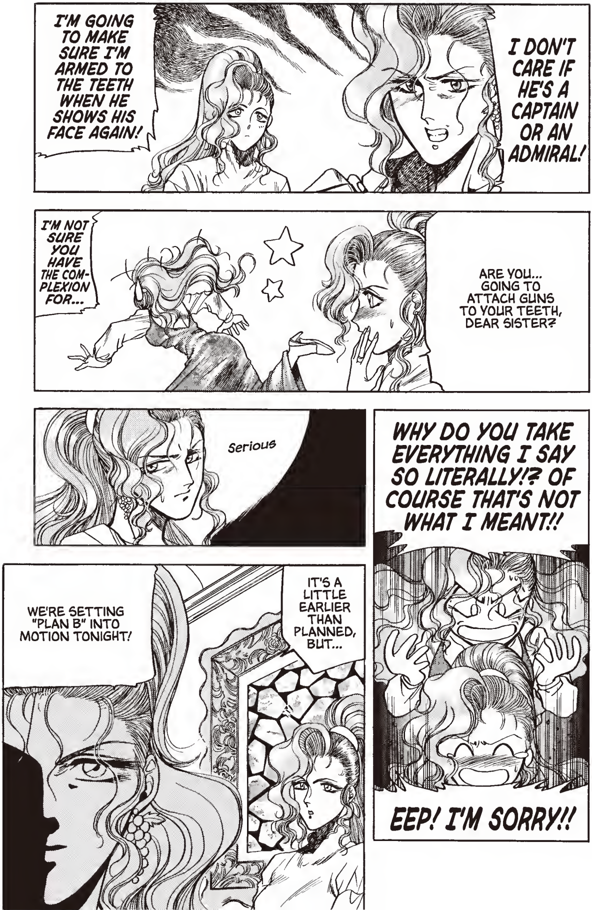
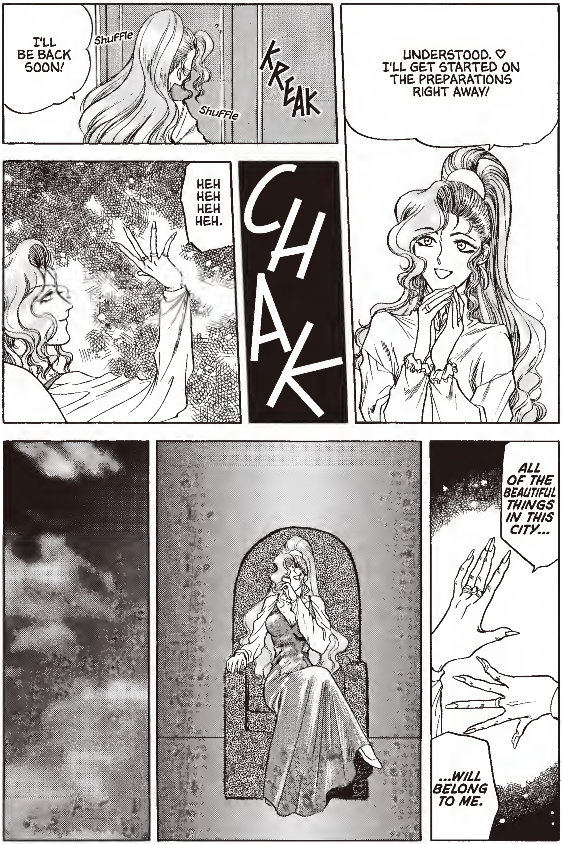
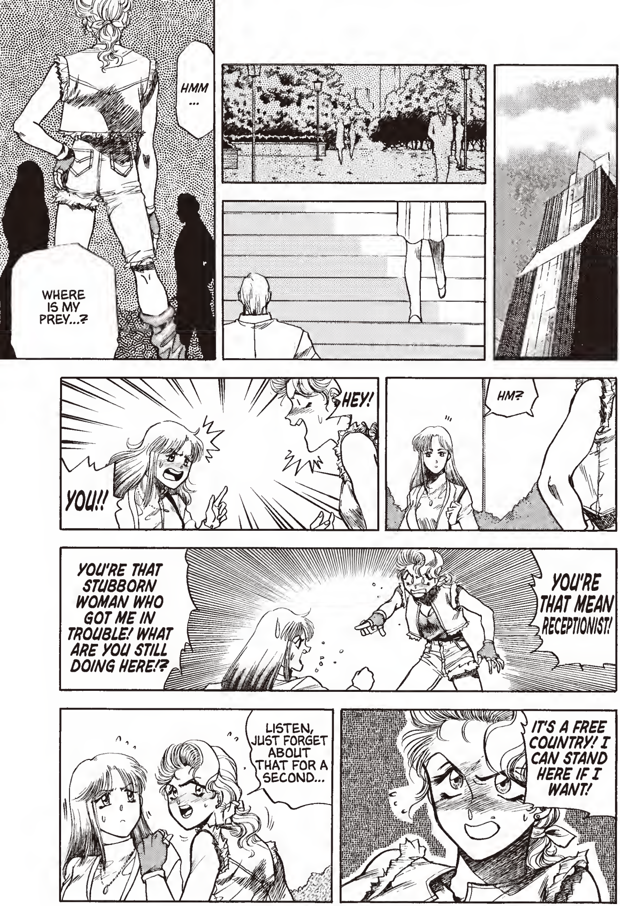
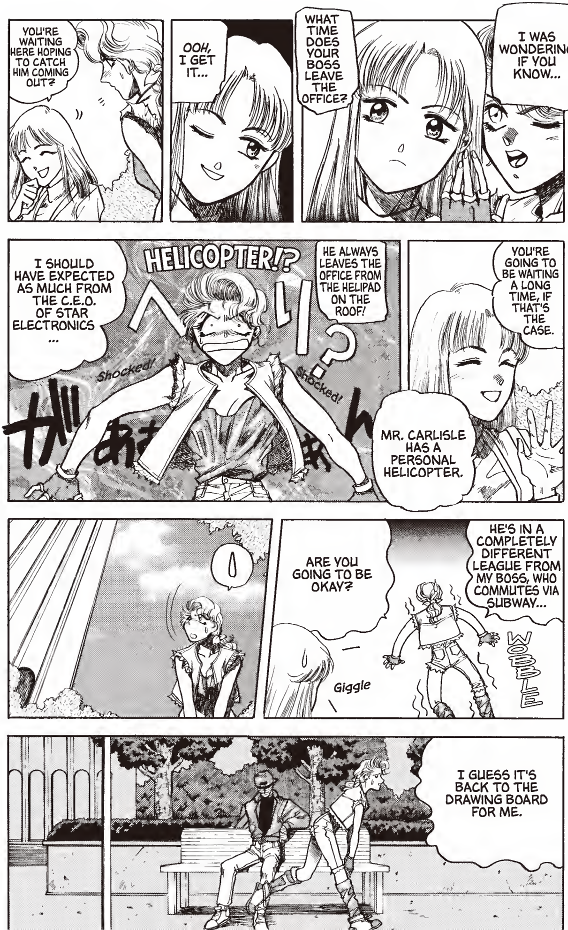
SLURP
HEE HEE HEE!
CRUSH
...
SMASH
...

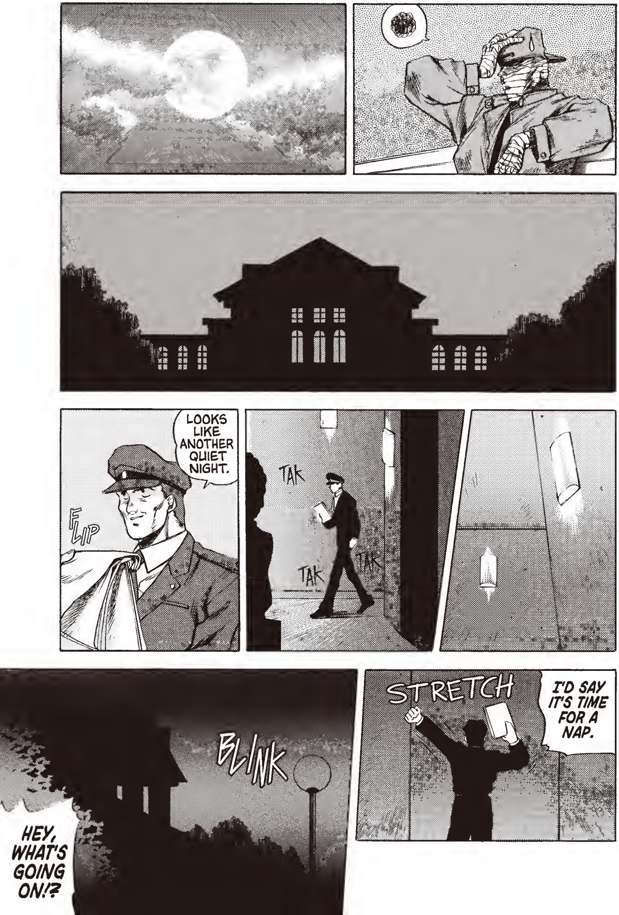

WHO WAS THAT WEIRDO!?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HEESEK!!!
TRY TO CALM DOWN, CAROL.
This piece was expensive...
GETTING UPSET ISN'T GOOD FOR YOUR SKIN.
PENT UP STRESS IS WORSE FOR THE SKIN!
GRRRR
I NEED AN OUTLET!!
Sigh
IT WAS THE PERFECT PLAN... IF ONLY HE HADN'T SHOWN UP!
I WONDER IF HE'S THE "CAPTAIN COMMANDO" EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT LATELY?

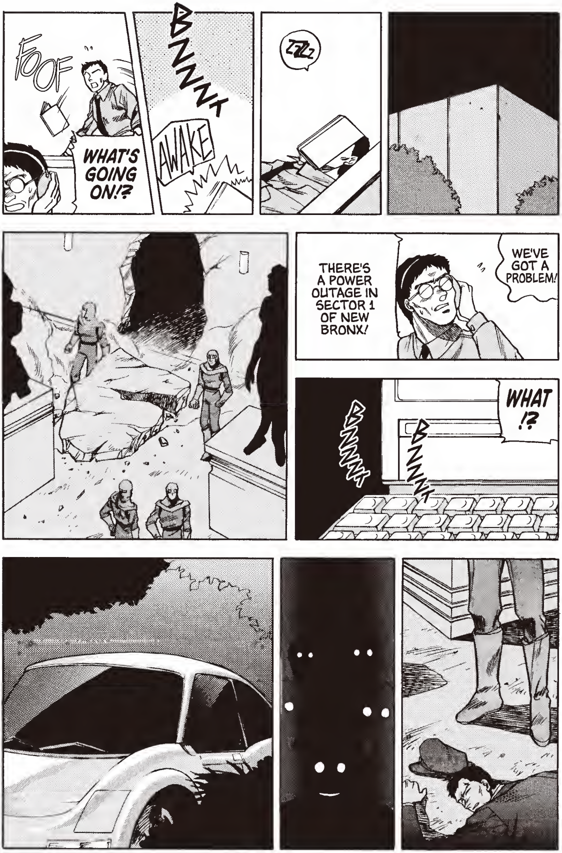

I DON'T CARE IF HE'S A CAPTAIN OR AN ADMIRAL!
I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE I'M ARMED TO THE TEETH WHEN HE SHOWS HIS FACE AGAIN!
ARE YOU... GOING TO ATTACH GUNS TO YOUR TEETH, DEAR SISTER?
I'M NOT SURE YOU HAVE THE COMPLEXION FOR...
WHY DO YOU TAKE EVERYTHING I SAY SO LITERALLY!? OF COURSE THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!!
EEP! I'M SORRY!!
Serious
IT'S A LITTLE EARLIER THAN PLANNED, BUT...
WE'RE SETTING "PLAN B" INTO MOTION TONIGHT!

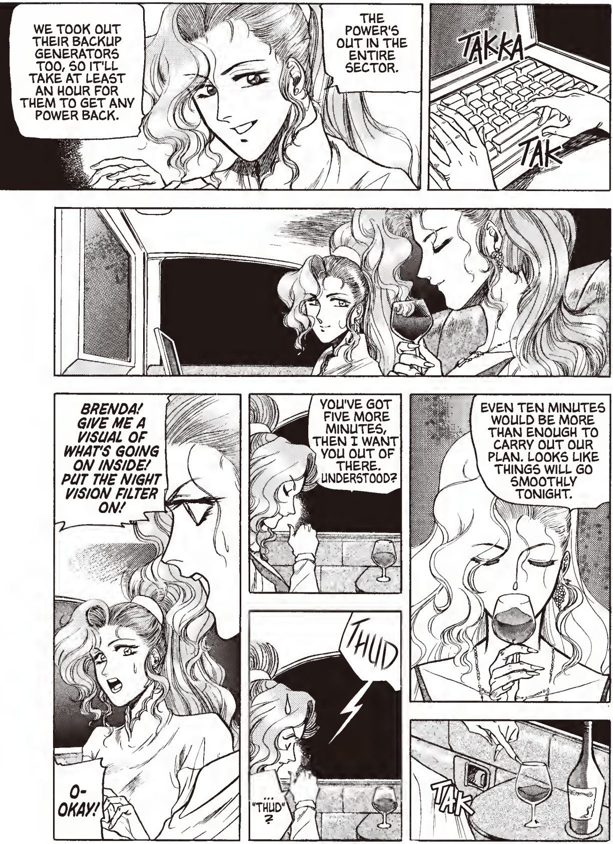

UNDERSTOOD. ♡ I'LL GET STARTED ON THE PREPARATIONS RIGHT AWAY!
I'LL BE BACK SOON!
Shuffle
KREAK
Shuffle
CHAK
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
ALL OF THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THIS CITY...
...WILL BELONG TO ME.

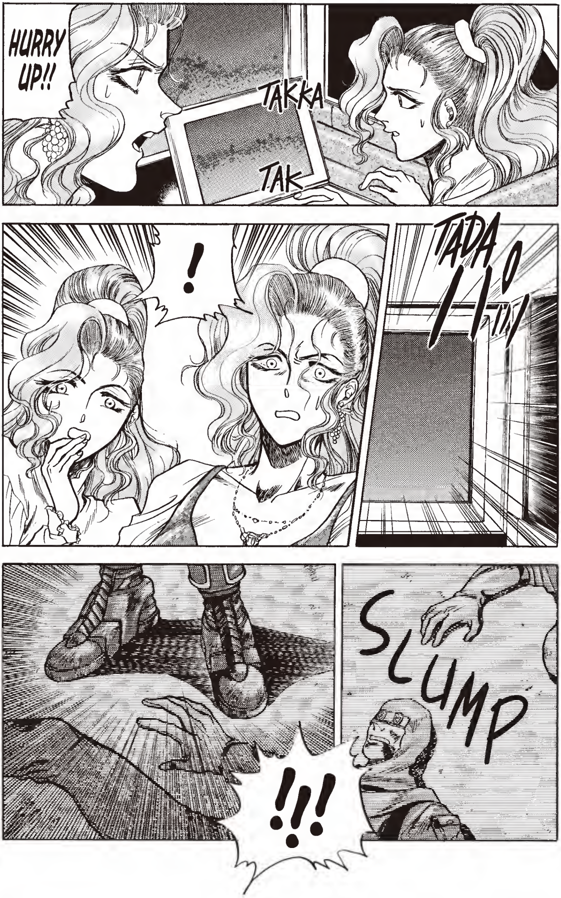

HMM ...
WHERE IS MY PREY...?
HM?
HEY!
YOU!!
YOU'RE THAT MEAN RECEPTIONIST!
YOU'RE THAT STUBBORN WOMAN WHO GOT ME IN TROUBLE! WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING HERE!?
IT'S A FREE COUNTRY! I CAN STAND HERE IF I WANT!
LISTEN, JUST FORGET ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND...

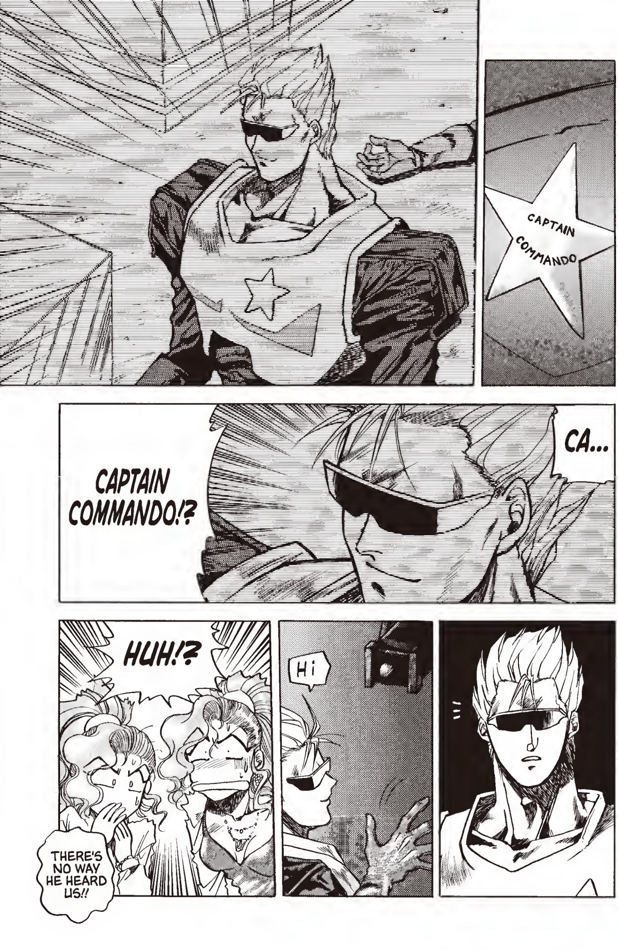

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU KNOW...
WHAT TIME DOES YOUR BOSS LEAVE THE OFFICE?
OOH, I GET IT...
YOU'RE WAITING HERE HOPING TO CATCH HIM COMING OUT?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE WAITING A LONG TIME, IF THAT'S THE CASE.
MR. CARLISLE HAS A PERSONAL HELICOPTER.
HE ALWAYS LEAVES THE OFFICE FROM THE HELIPAD ON THE ROOF!
HELICOPTER!?
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED AS MUCH FROM THE C.E.O. OF STAR ELECTRONICS ...
Shocked!
Shocked!
!
HE'S IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEAGUE FROM MY BOSS, WHO COMMUTES VIA SUBWAY...
WOBBLE
ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?
Giggle
I GUESS IT'S BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR ME.

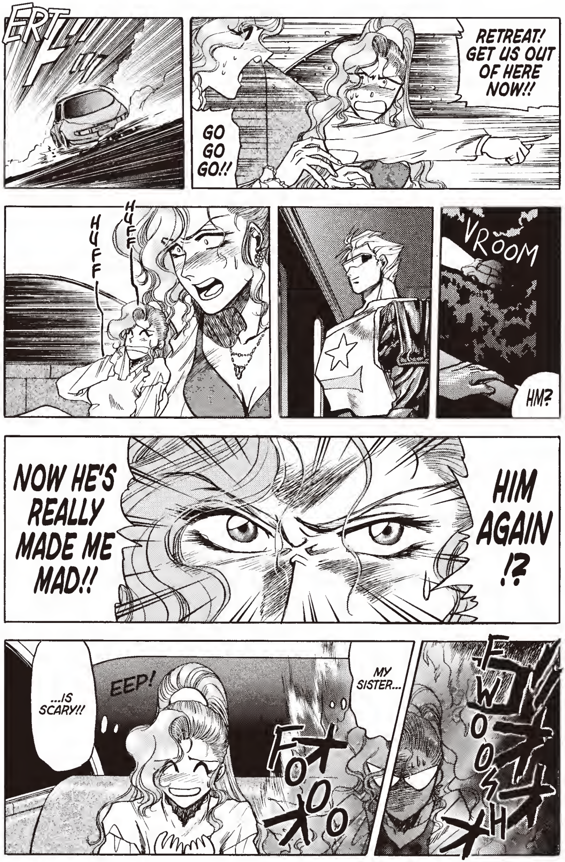

LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER QUIET NIGHT.
FLIP
TAK
TAK
TAK
STRETCH
I'D SAY IT'S TIME FOR A NAP.
BLINK
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?

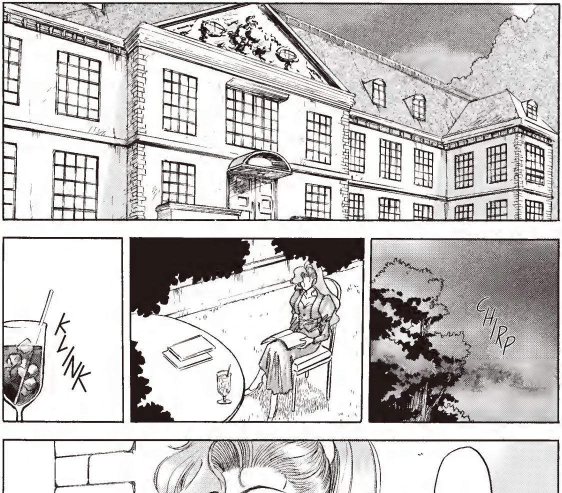

FOOF
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
BZZZZK
AWAKE
ZZZz
WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!
THERE'S A POWER OUTAGE IN SECTOR 1 OF NEW BRONX!
WHAT !?
BZZZK
BZZZK

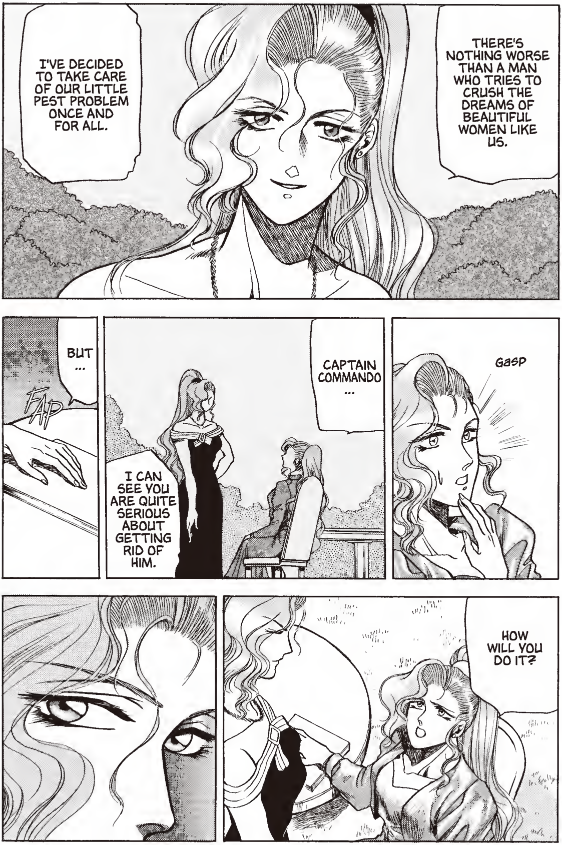

TAKKA
TAK
THE POWER'S OUT IN THE ENTIRE SECTOR.
WE TOOK OUT THEIR BACKUP GENERATORS TOO, SO IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST AN HOUR FOR THEM TO GET ANY POWER BACK.
EVEN TEN MINUTES WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO CARRY OUT OUR PLAN. LOOKS LIKE THINGS WILL GO SMOOTHLY TONIGHT.
TAK
YOU'VE GOT FIVE MORE MINUTES, THEN I WANT YOU OUT OF THERE. UNDERSTOOD?
THUD
... "THUD" ?
BRENDA! GIVE ME A VISUAL OF WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE! PUT THE NIGHT VISION FILTER ON!
O-OKAY!

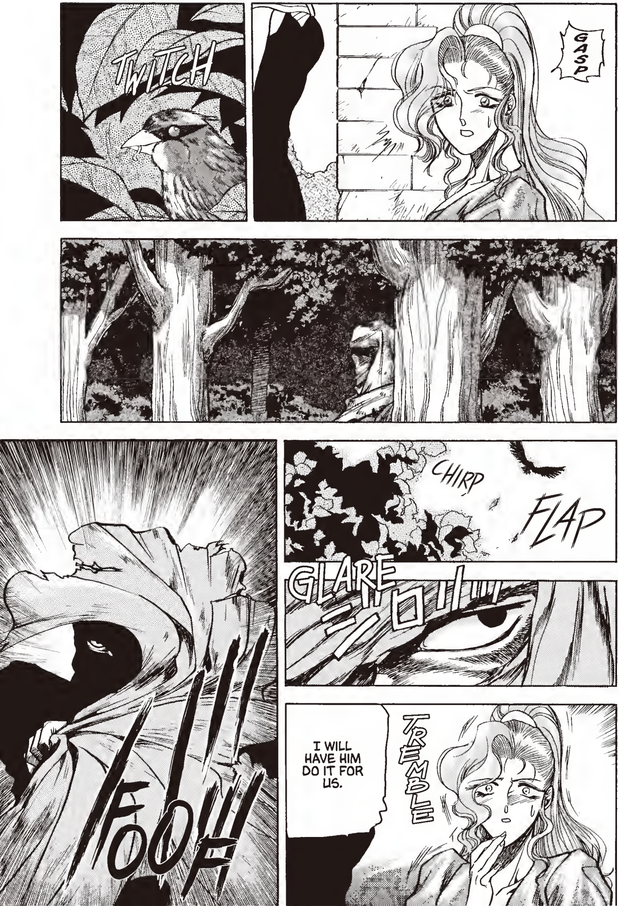

TAKKA
TAK
HURRY UP!!
TADA
!
SLUMP
!!!

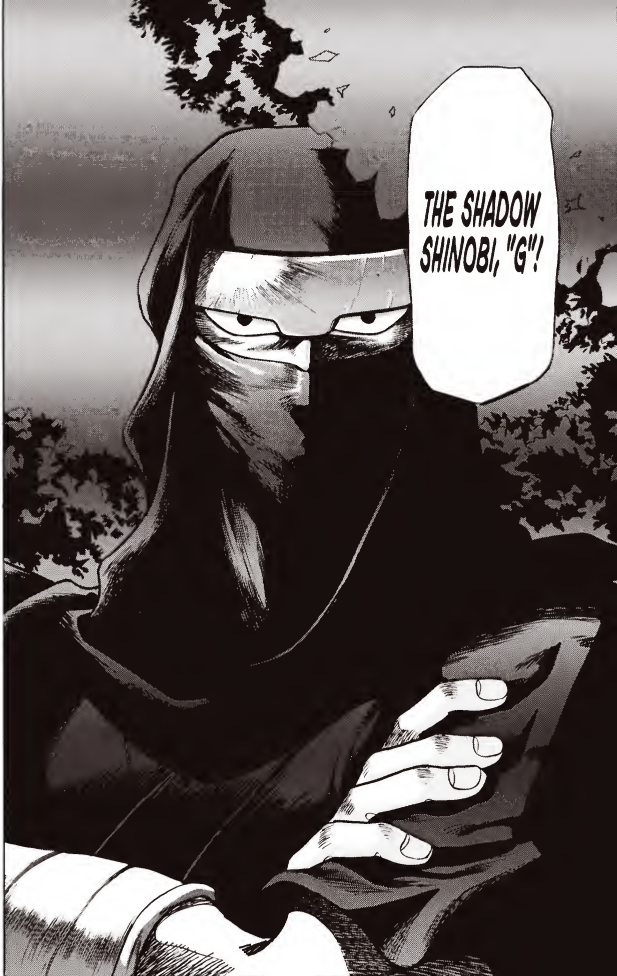

CAPTAIN COMMANDO
CA...
CAPTAIN COMMANDO!?
Hi
HUH!?
THERE'S NO WAY HE HEARD US!!

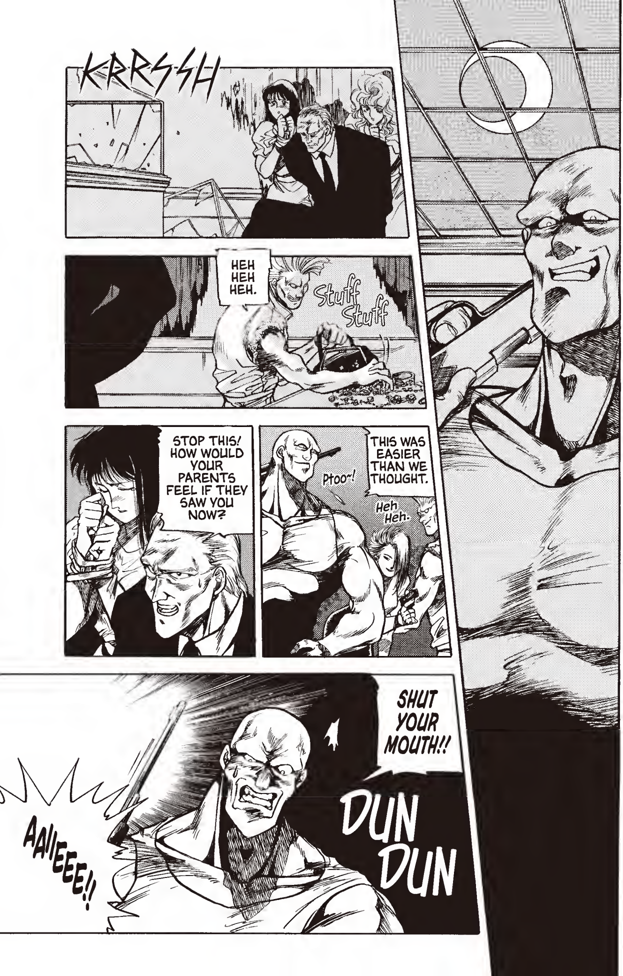

RETREAT! GET US OUT OF HERE NOW!!
GO GO GO!!
ERT
VROOM
HM?
HUFF HUFF
HUFF
HIM AGAIN!?
NOW HE'S REALLY MADE ME MAD!!
FWOOSH
MY SISTER...
FOOOO
EEP!
...IS SCARY!!

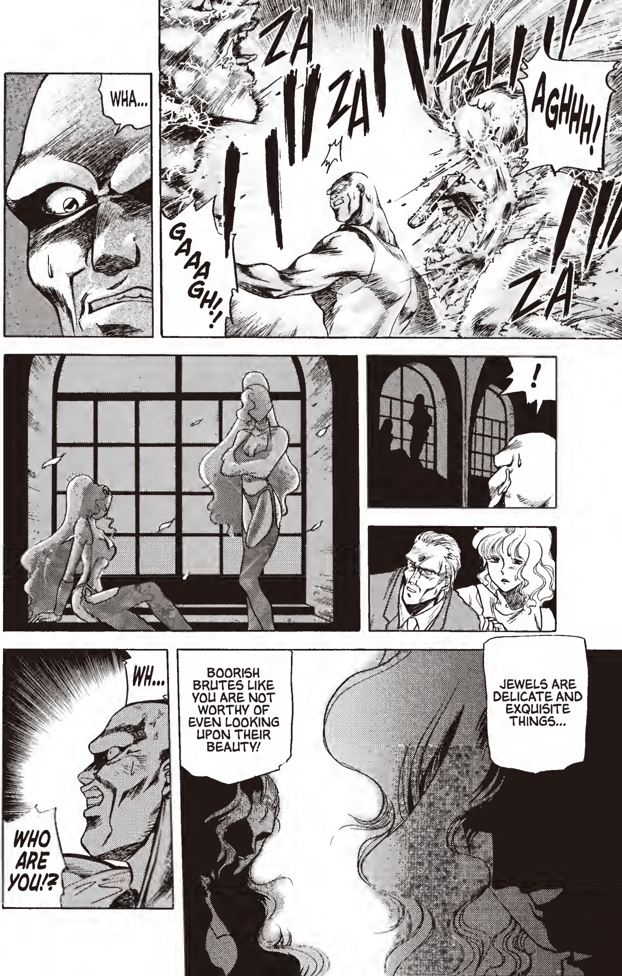

CHIRP
KVINK
BRENDA.
CAROL...
HEH HEH HEH.


THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN A MAN WHO TRIES TO CRUSH THE DREAMS OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN LIKE US.
I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR LITTLE PEST PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL.
Gasp
CAPTAIN COMMANDO ...
I CAN SEE YOU ARE QUITE SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING RID OF HIM.
FAP
BUT ...
HOW WILL YOU DO IT?

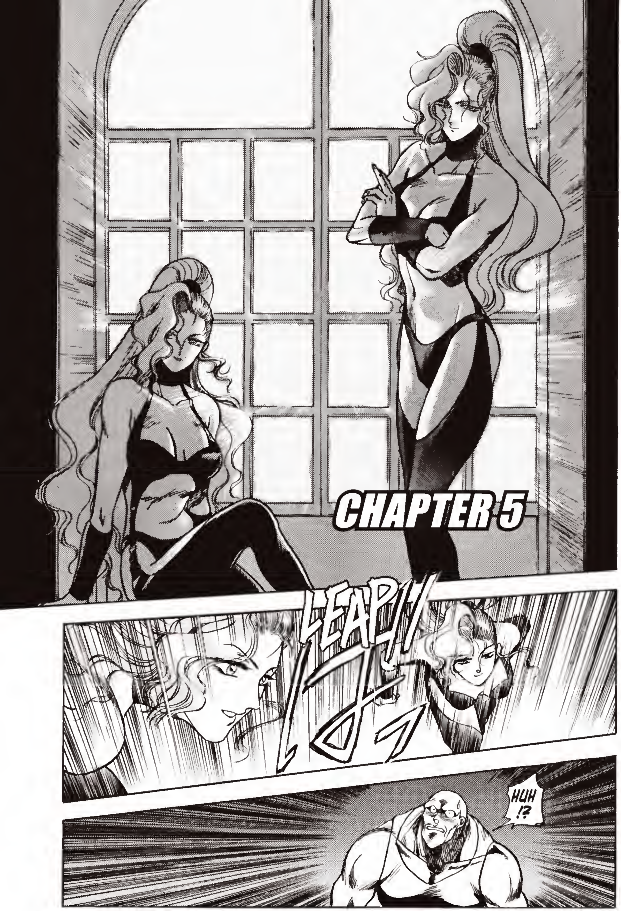

GASP
TWITCH
CHIRP
FLAP
GLARE
ジロッ
I WILL HAVE HIM DO IT FOR US.
TREMBLE
FOOF!!

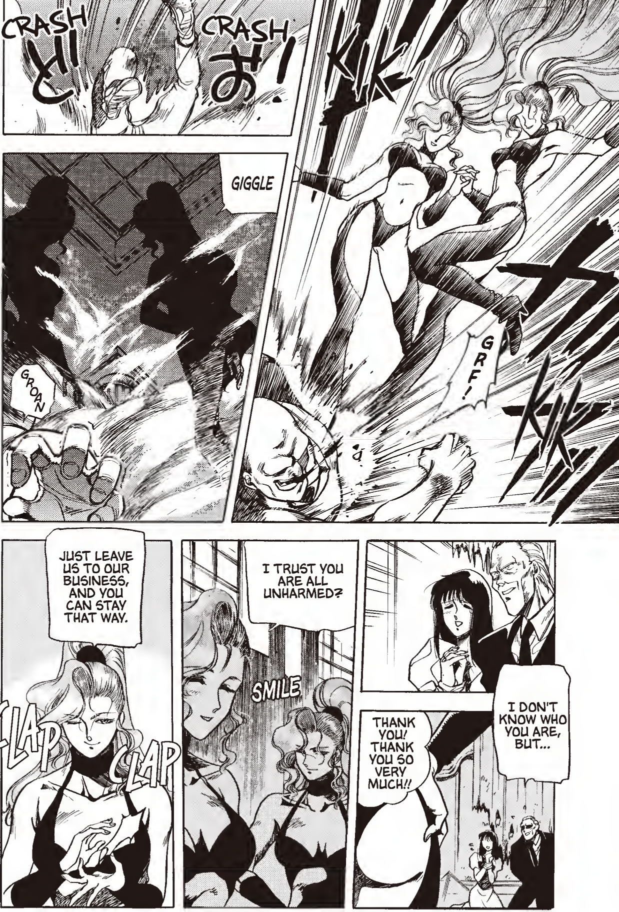

THE SHADOW SHINOBI, "G"!

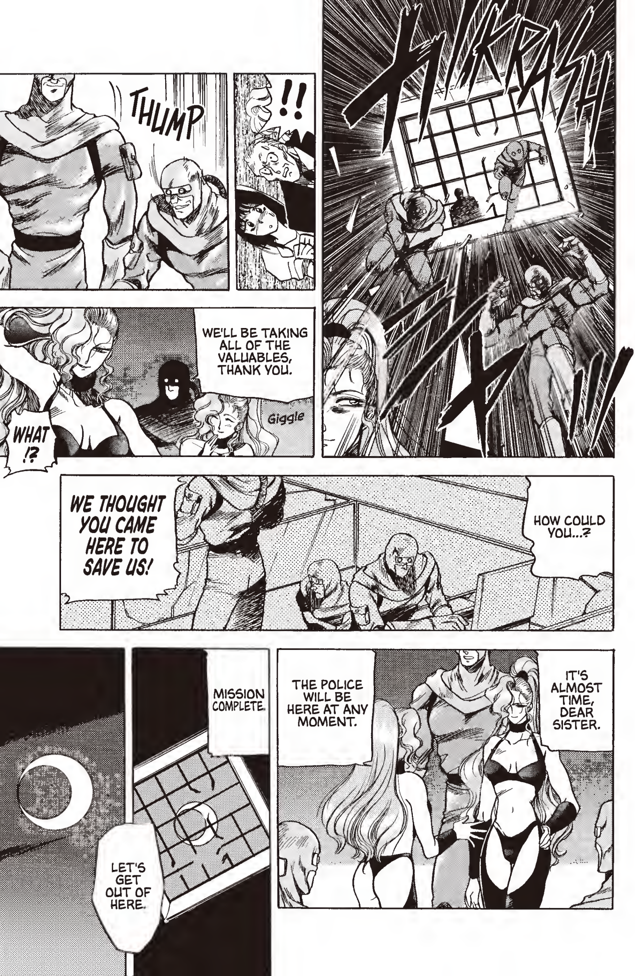

K-R-R-S-S-H
HEH HEH HEH.
Stuff Stuff
Ptoo~!
THIS WAS EASIER THAN WE THOUGHT.
Heh Heh.
STOP THIS! HOW WOULD YOUR PARENTS FEEL IF THEY SAW YOU NOW?
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!!
DUN DUN
AAIIEEE!!

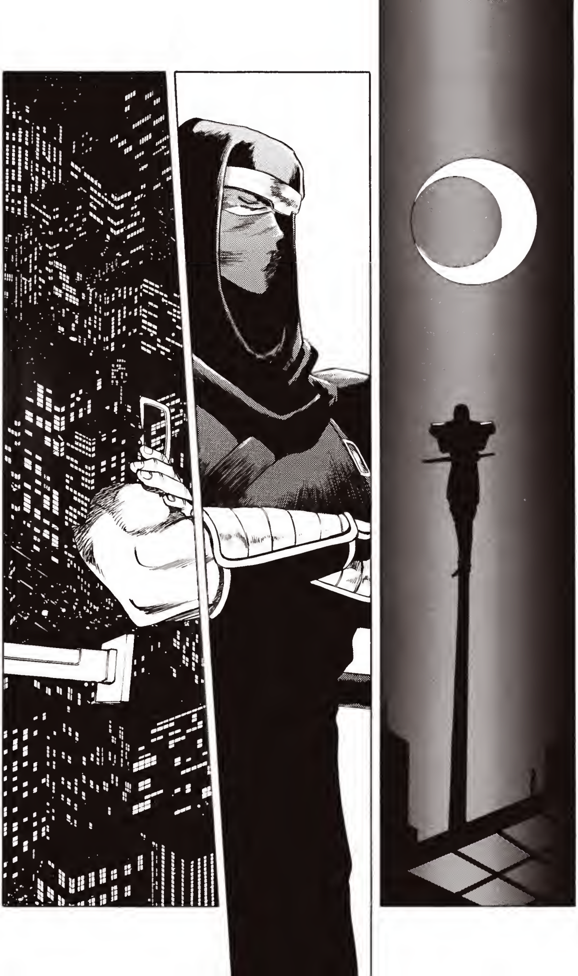

ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
AGHHH!
GAAAGH!!
WHA...
!
JEWELS ARE DELICATE AND EXQUISITE THINGS...
BOORISH BRUTES LIKE YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF EVEN LOOKING UPON THEIR BEAUTY!
WH...
WHO ARE YOU!?

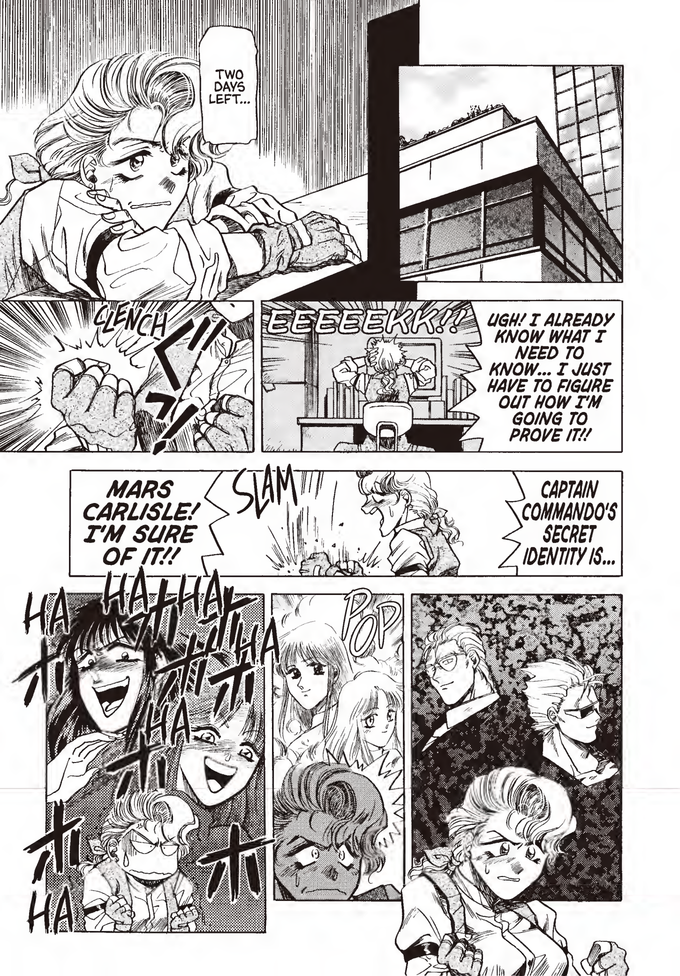
CHAPTER 5

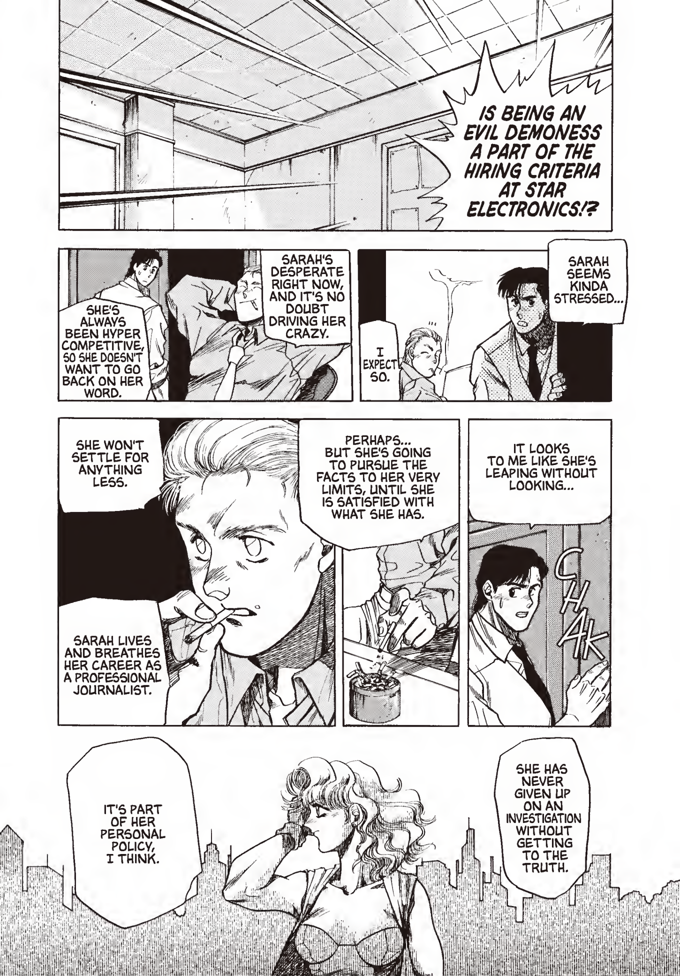


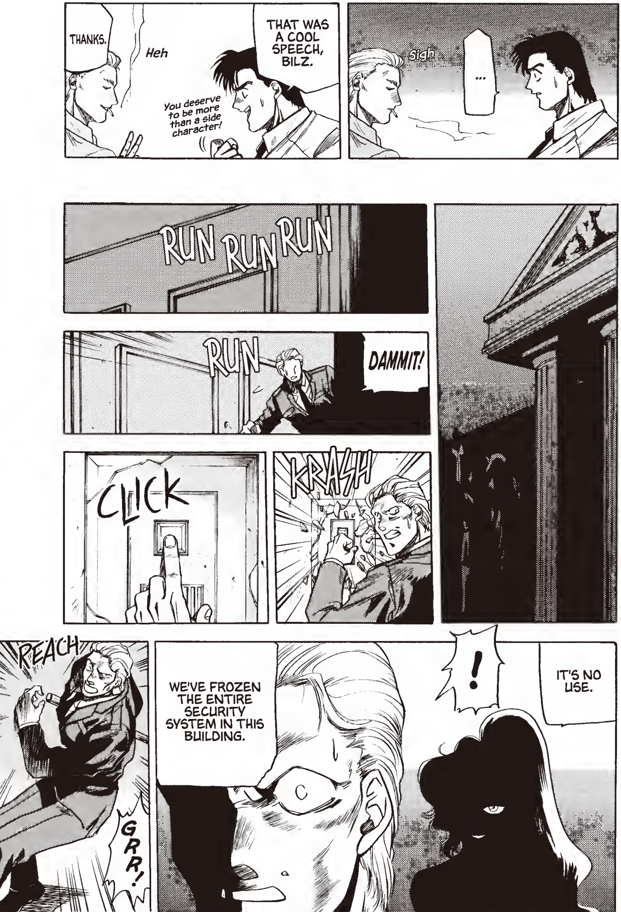

KIK
GRF!
KIK
CRASH
ど!
CRASH
お!
GIGGLE
GROAN
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT...
THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!
I TRUST YOU ARE ALL UNHARMED?
SMILE
JUST LEAVE US TO OUR BUSINESS, AND YOU CAN STAY THAT WAY.
CLAP
CLAP

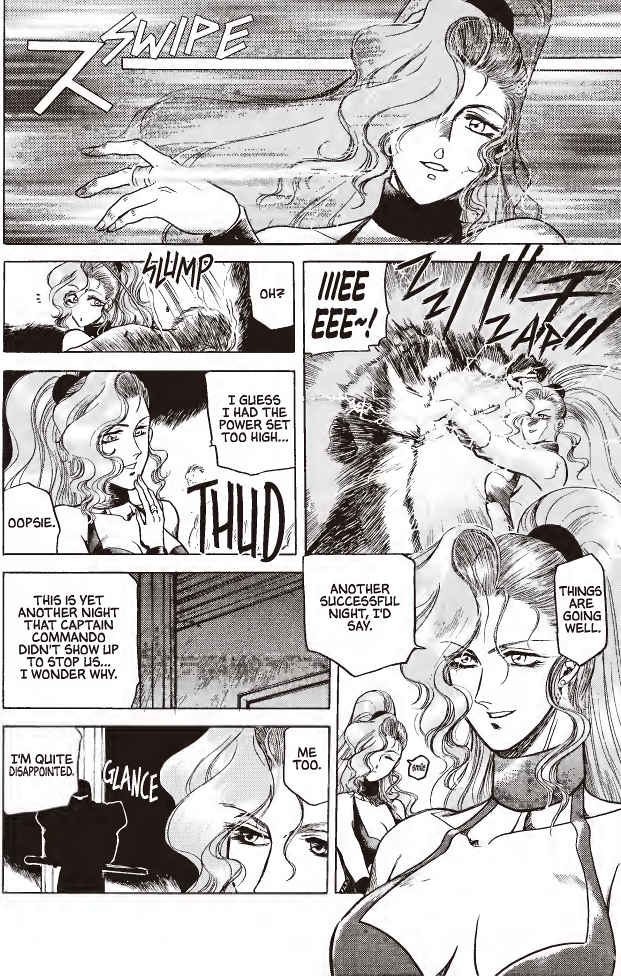

KRASH
!!
THUMP
WE'LL BE TAKING ALL OF THE VALUABLES, THANK YOU.
Giggle
WHAT !?
HOW COULD YOU...?
WE THOUGHT YOU CAME HERE TO SAVE US!
IT'S ALMOST TIME, DEAR SISTER.
THE POLICE WILL BE HERE AT ANY MOMENT.
MISSION COMPLETE.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

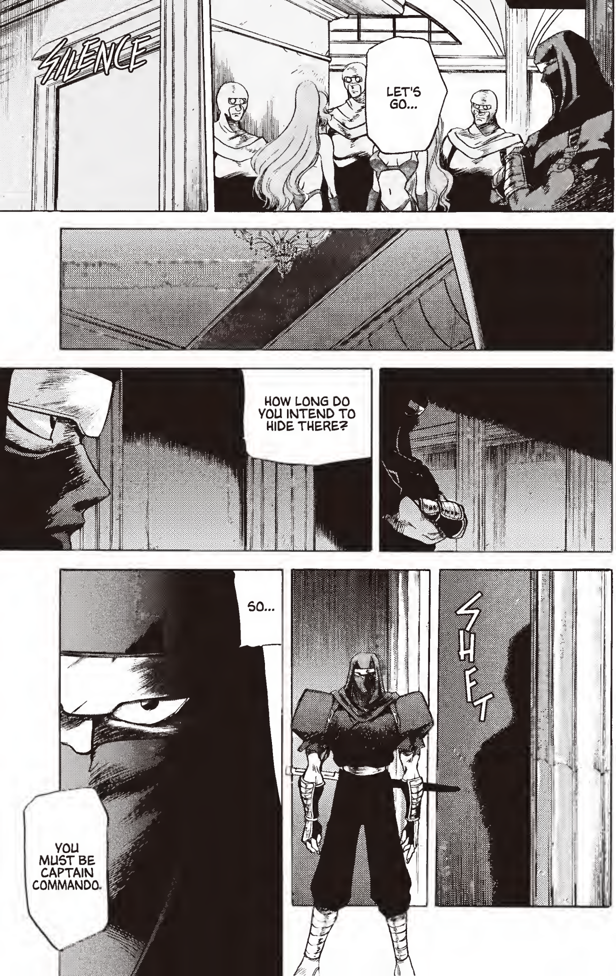


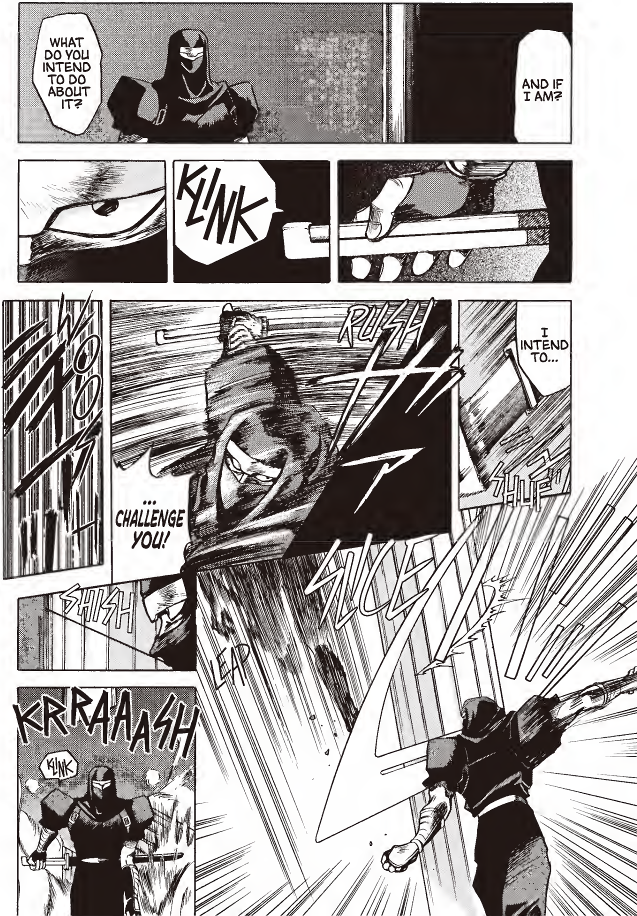

TWO DAYS LEFT...
EEEEEKK!!
UGH! I ALREADY KNOW WHAT I NEED TO KNOW... I JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!!
CLENCH
ぐッ!
CAPTAIN COMMANDO'S SECRET IDENTITY IS...
SLAM
MARS CARLISLE! I'M SURE OF IT!!
POP
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
ホ ホ ホ ホ ホ ホ

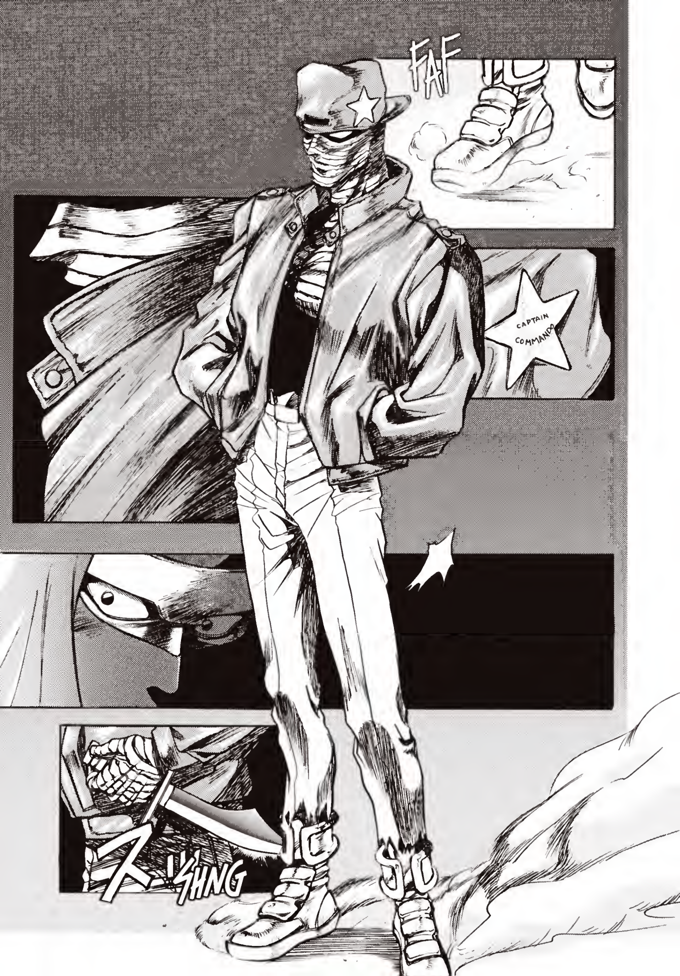

IS BEING AN EVIL DEMONESS A PART OF THE HIRING CRITERIA AT STAR ELECTRONICS!?
SARAH SEEMS KINDA STRESSED...
I EXPECT SO.
SARAH'S DESPERATE RIGHT NOW, AND IT'S NO DOUBT DRIVING HER CRAZY.
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN HYPER COMPETITIVE, SO SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GO BACK ON HER WORD.
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE SHE'S LEAPING WITHOUT LOOKING...
CHAK
PERHAPS... BUT SHE'S GOING TO PURSUE THE FACTS TO HER VERY LIMITS, UNTIL SHE IS SATISFIED WITH WHAT SHE HAS.
SHE WON'T SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS.
SARAH LIVES AND BREATHES HER CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST.
SHE HAS NEVER GIVEN UP ON AN INVESTIGATION WITHOUT GETTING TO THE TRUTH.
IT'S PART OF HER PERSONAL POLICY, I THINK.

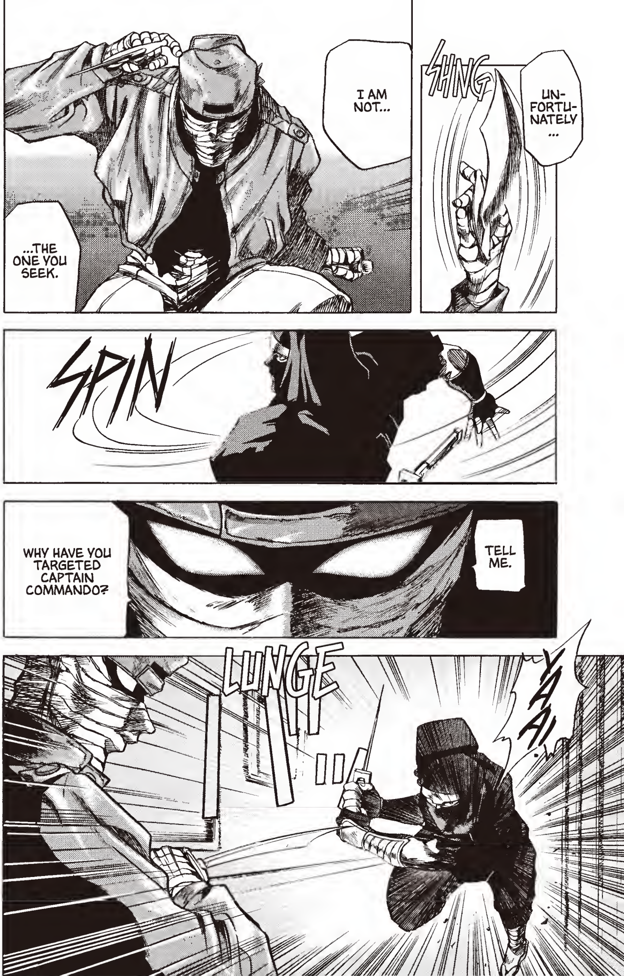

THAT WAS A COOL SPEECH, BILZ.
THANKS.
Heh
You deserve to be more than a side character!
Sigh
...
RUN RUN RUN
RUN
DAMMIT!
CLICK
KRASH
REACH
GRR!
!
IT'S NO USE.
WE'VE FROZEN THE ENTIRE SECURITY SYSTEM IN THIS BUILDING.

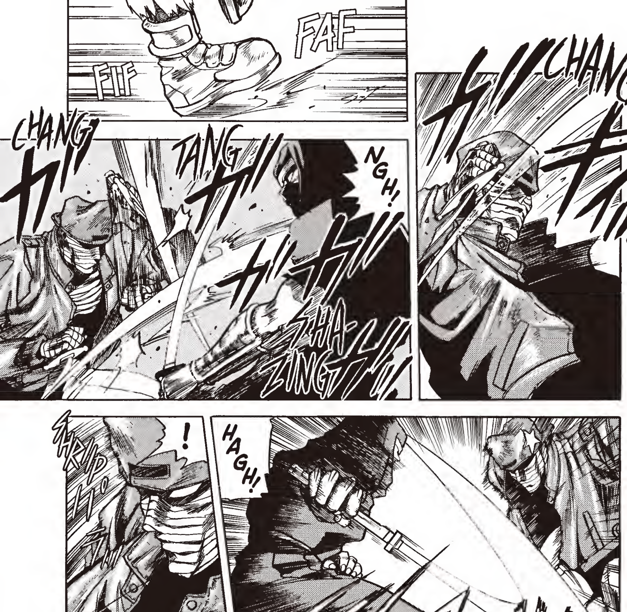

ス
SWIPE
IIIEE EEE~!
ZAP!!!
SLUMP
OH?
I GUESS I HAD THE POWER SET TOO HIGH...
OOPSIE.
THUD
THINGS ARE GOING WELL.
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NIGHT, I'D SAY.
smile
THIS IS YET ANOTHER NIGHT THAT CAPTAIN COMMANDO DIDN'T SHOW UP TO STOP US... I WONDER WHY.
ME TOO.
GLANCE
I'M QUITE DISAPPOINTED.

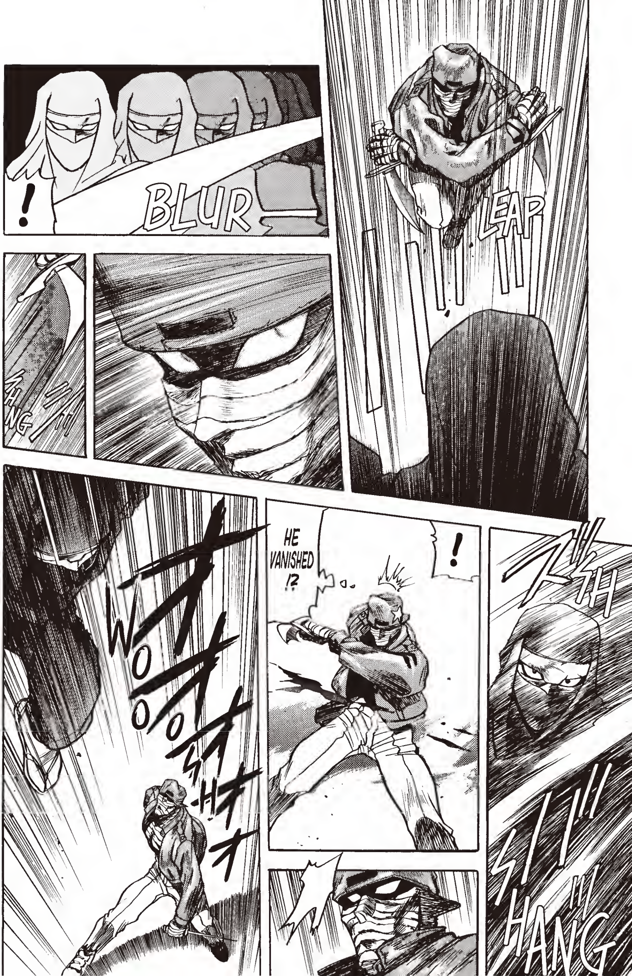

SILENCE
LET'S GO...
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO HIDE THERE?
SO...
SHFT
YOU MUST BE CAPTAIN COMMANDO.

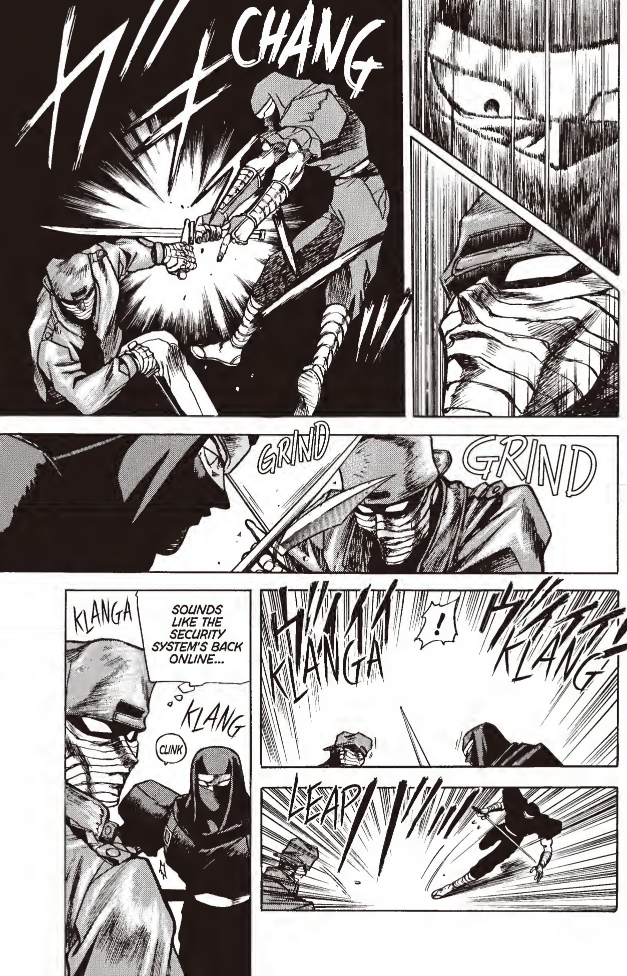

AND IF I AM?
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT IT?
KLINK
I INTEND TO...
SHUF
RUSH
... CHALLENGE YOU!
WHOOSH
SLICE
SHISH
LEAP
KRRAAASH
KLINK

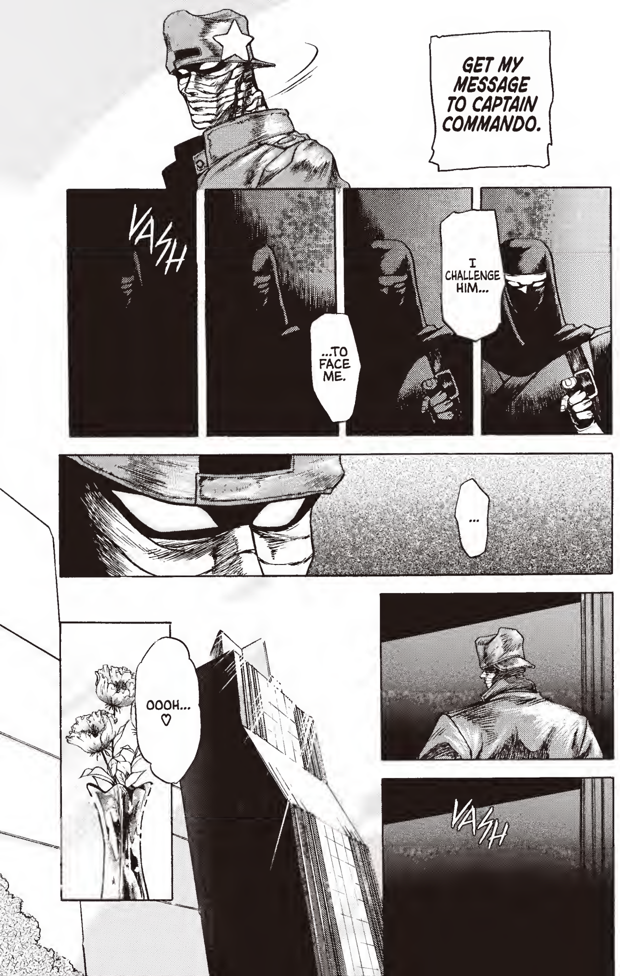

FAF
CAPTAIN COMMANDO
SHING

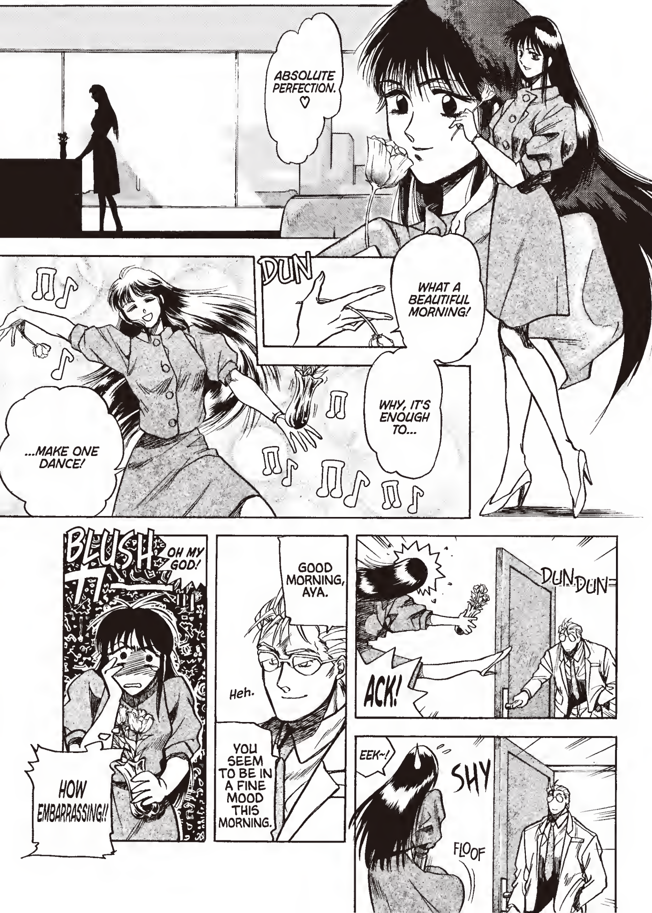

SHING
UNFORTUNATELY...
I AM NOT...
...THE ONE YOU SEEK.
SPIN
TELL ME.
WHY HAVE YOU TARGETED CAPTAIN COMMANDO?
YAAAI!
LUNGE

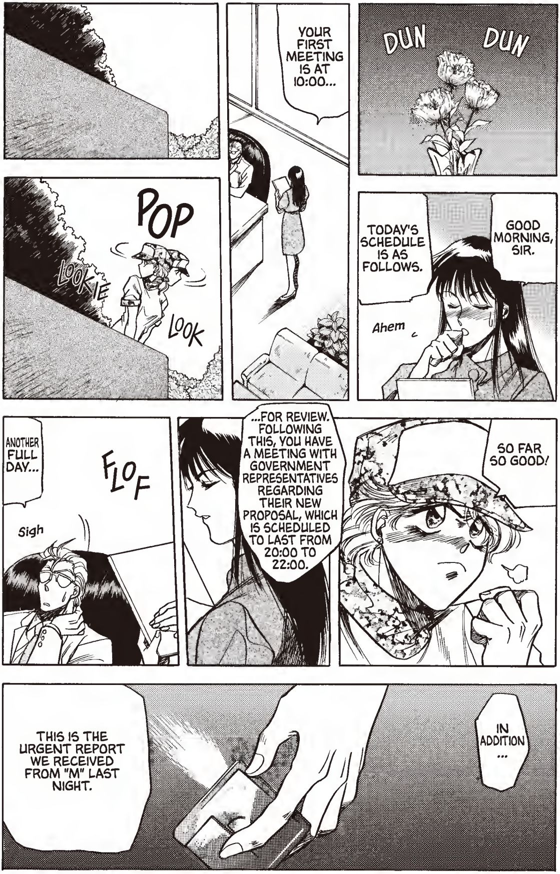

FAF
FIF
CHANG
ガ!!キィィ!!!
CHANG
カ!!
TANG
カ!!
NGH!
ガカ!!
SHA-ZING
HAGH!
SLASH
!
SHRUP!
GRIN
ダッ!!
RUSH

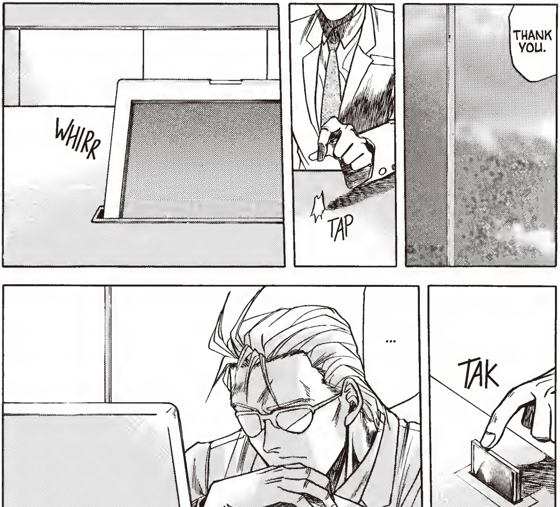

LEAP
!
BLUR
SHHNG
ZSHH
!
HE VANISHED !?
WOOOOSH
SHHHANG

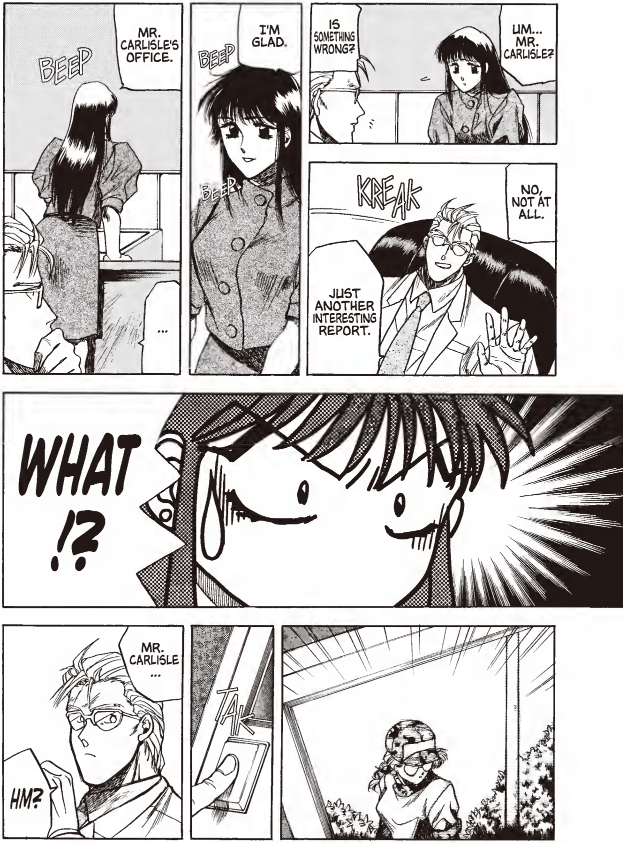

カッ
CHANG
GRIND
GRIND
KLANGA
KLANG
!
KLANGA
SOUNDS LIKE THE SECURITY SYSTEM'S BACK ONLINE...
KLANG
CLINK
LEAP

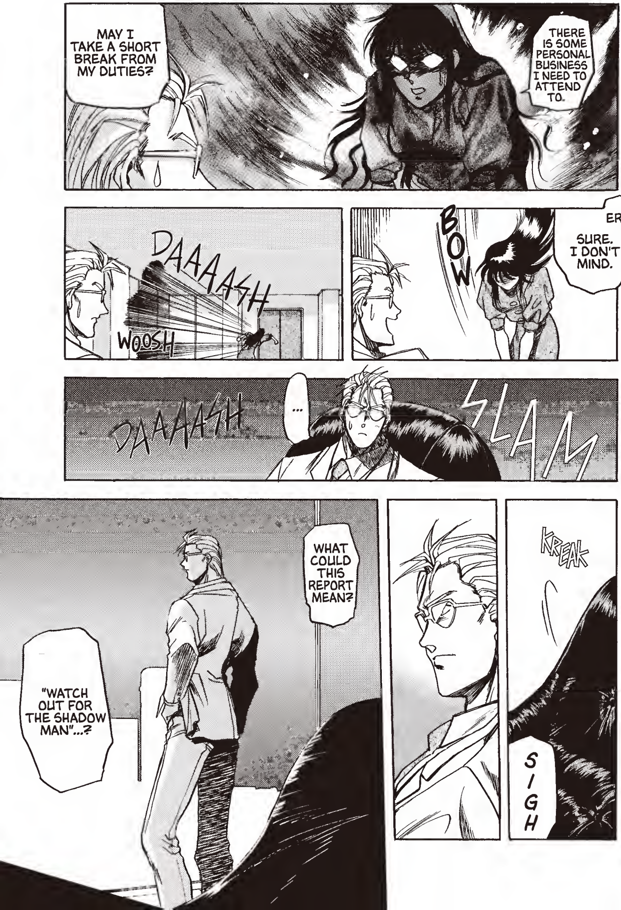

GET MY MESSAGE TO CAPTAIN COMMANDO.
I CHALLENGE HIM...
...TO FACE ME.
VASH
...
VASH
OOOH... ♡

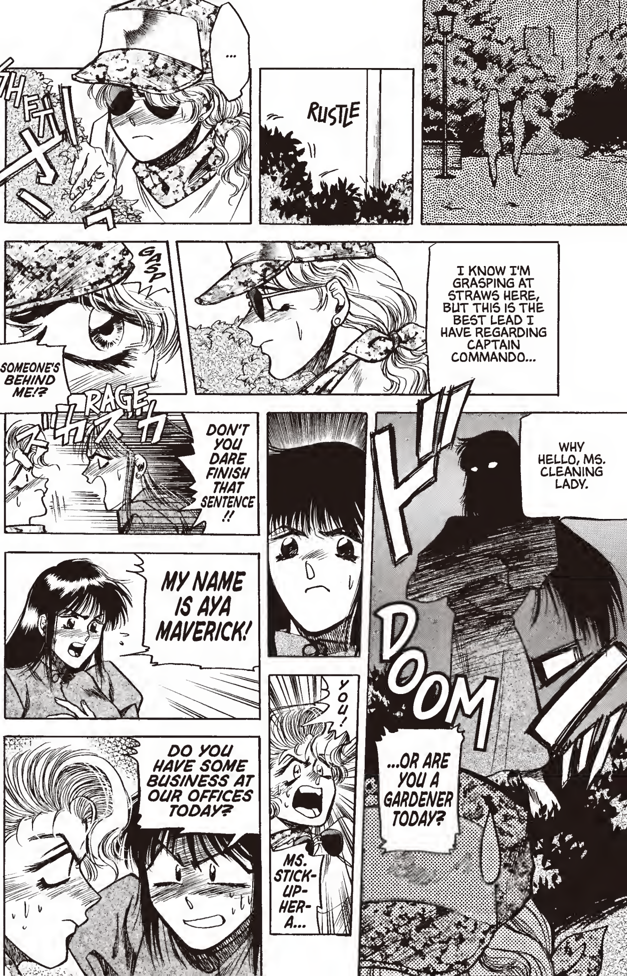

ABSOLUTE PERFECTION. ♡
DUN
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!
WHY, IT'S ENOUGH TO...
...MAKE ONE DANCE!
DUN DUN
ACK!
EEK~!
SHY
FLOOF
GOOD MORNING, AYA.
Heh.
YOU SEEM TO BE IN A FINE MOOD THIS MORNING.
BLUSH
OH MY GOD!
HOW EMBARRASSING!!

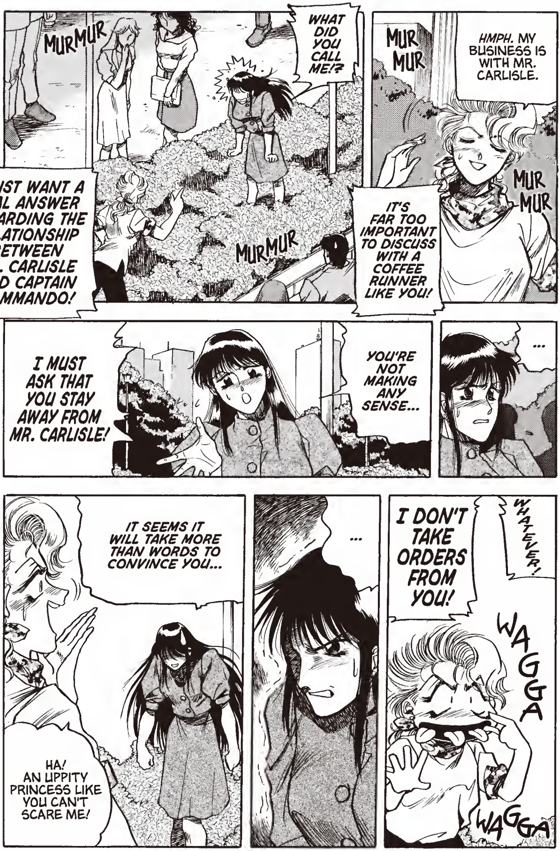

DUN DUN
GOOD MORNING, SIR.
TODAY'S SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS.
Ahem
YOUR FIRST MEETING IS AT 10:00...
POP
LOOKIE LOOK
SO FAR SO GOOD!
...FOR REVIEW. FOLLOWING THIS, YOU HAVE A MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THEIR NEW PROPOSAL, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO LAST FROM 20:00 TO 22:00.
FLOF
ANOTHER FULL DAY...
Sigh
IN ADDITION...
THIS IS THE URGENT REPORT WE RECEIVED FROM "M" LAST NIGHT.

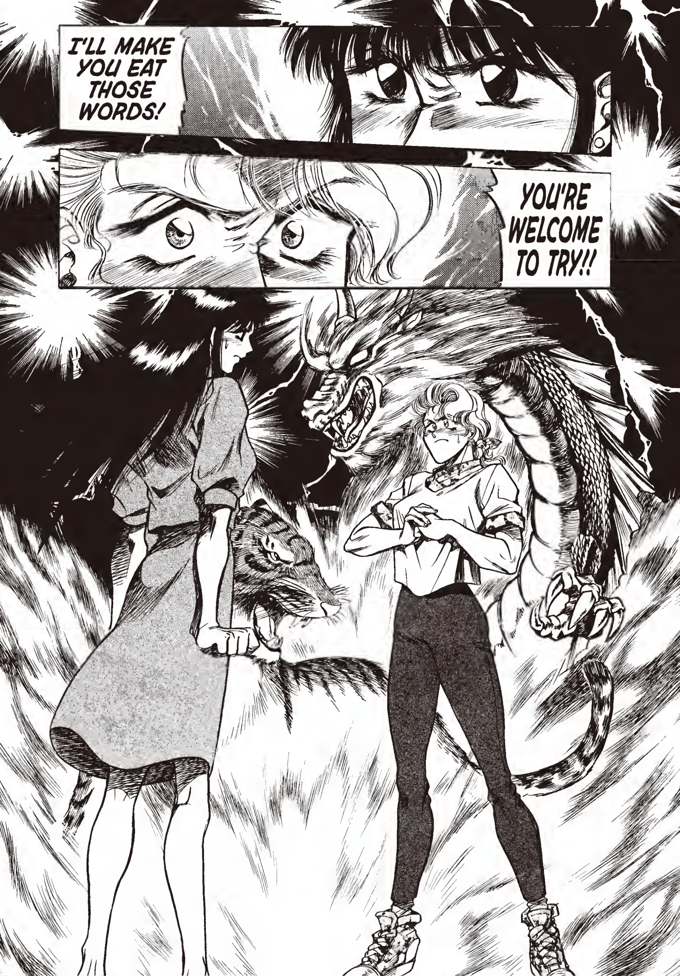

THANK YOU.
TAP
WHIRR
TAK
...
HMM...

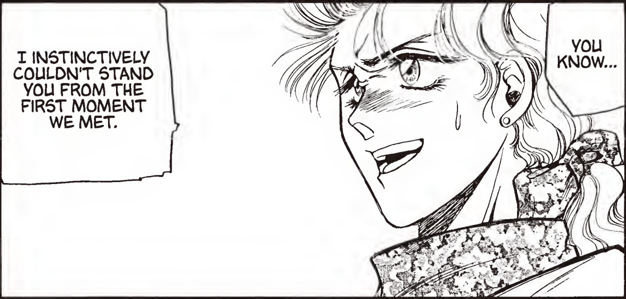

BEEP
MR. CARLISLE'S OFFICE.
...
BEEP
I'M GLAD.
BEEP
UM... MR. CARLISLE?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
KREAK
NO, NOT AT ALL.
JUST ANOTHER INTERESTING REPORT.
WHAT !?
MR. CARLISLE ...
HM?
TAK


MAY I TAKE A SHORT BREAK FROM MY DUTIES?
THERE IS SOME PERSONAL BUSINESS I NEED TO ATTEND TO.
BOW
ER... SURE. I DON'T MIND.
DAAAAASH
WOOSH
SLAM
...
DAAAASH
KREAK
SIGH
WHAT COULD THIS REPORT MEAN?
"WATCH OUT FOR THE SHADOW MAN"...?


RUSTLE
...
SHFFT
I KNOW I'M GRASPING AT STRAWS HERE, BUT THIS IS THE BEST LEAD I HAVE REGARDING CAPTAIN COMMANDO...
GRASP
SOMEONE'S BEHIND ME!?
WHY HELLO, MS. CLEANING LADY.
DOOM
...OR ARE YOU A GARDENER TODAY?
YOU!
MS. STICK-UP-HER-A...
RAGE
DON'T YOU DARE FINISH THAT SENTENCE!!
MY NAME IS AYA MAVERICK!
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS AT OUR OFFICES TODAY?


MUR MUR
HMPH. MY BUSINESS IS WITH MR. CARLISLE.
MUR MUR
IT'S FAR TOO IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH A COFFEE RUNNER LIKE YOU!
WHAT DID YOU CALL ME!?
MURMUR
MURMUR
I JUST WANT A REAL ANSWER REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MR. CARLISLE AND CAPTAIN COMMANDO!
...
YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE...
I MUST ASK THAT YOU STAY AWAY FROM MR. CARLISLE!
WHATEVER!
I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU!
WAGGA
WAGGA
...
IT SEEMS IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN WORDS TO CONVINCE YOU...
HA! AN UPPITY PRINCESS LIKE YOU CAN'T SCARE ME!


I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY!!


YOU KNOW...
I INSTINCTIVELY COULDN'T STAND YOU FROM THE FIRST MOMENT WE MET.

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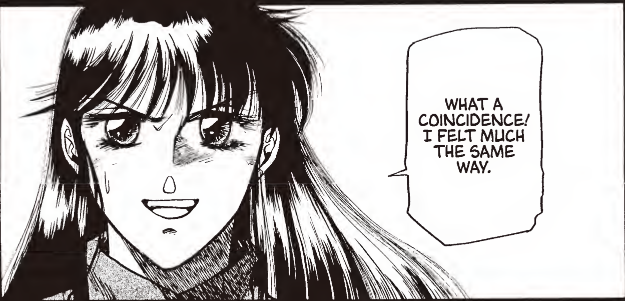
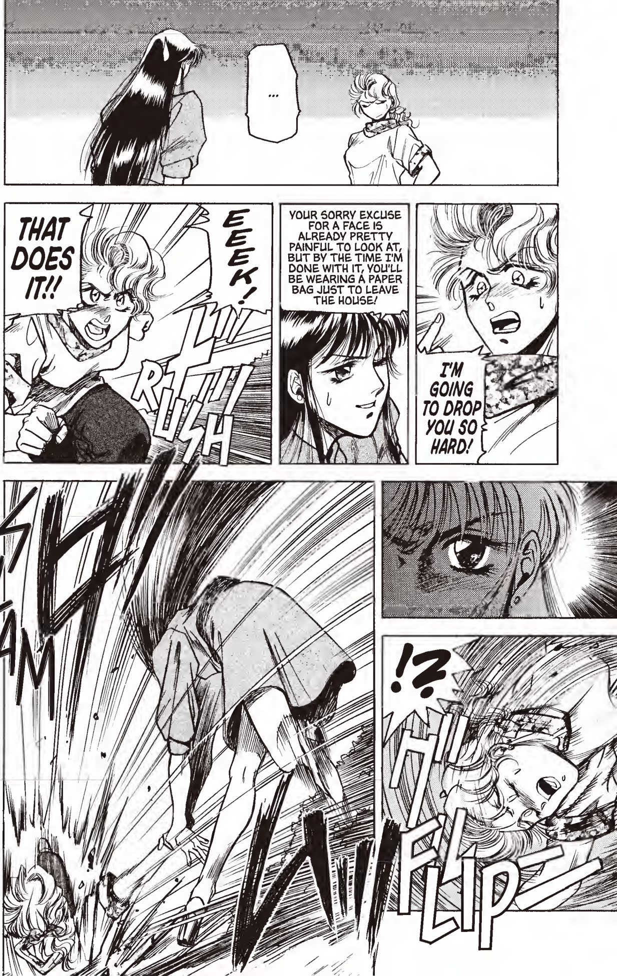
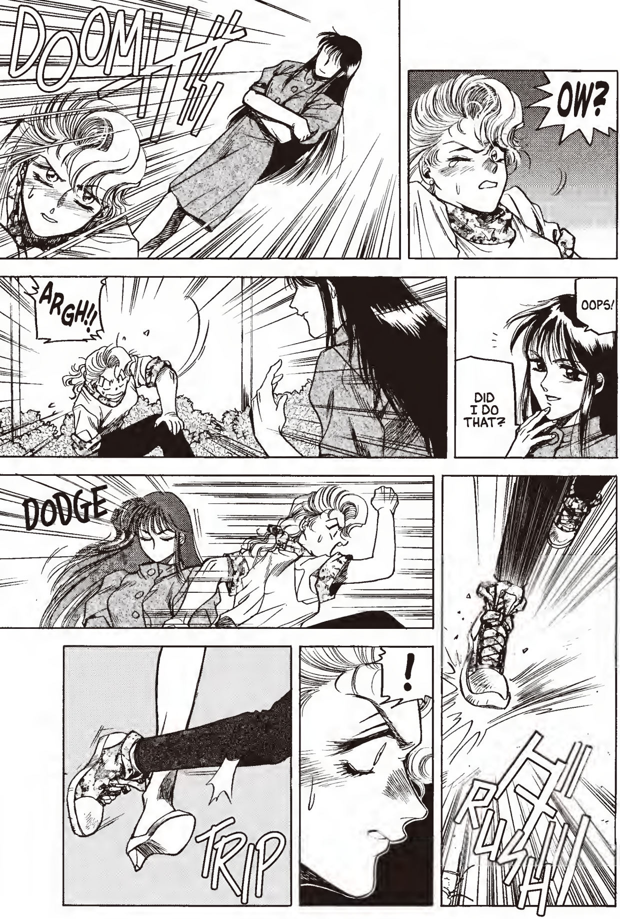
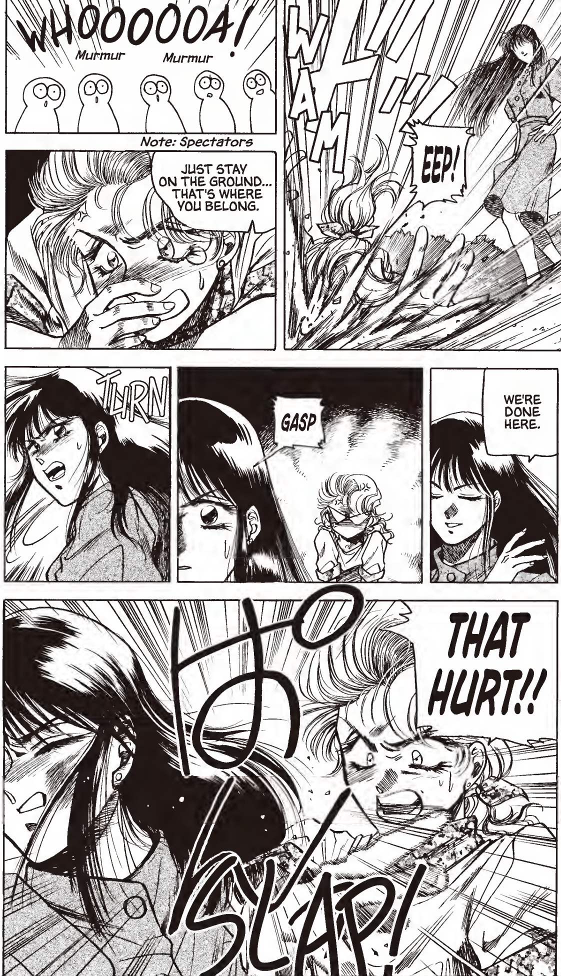
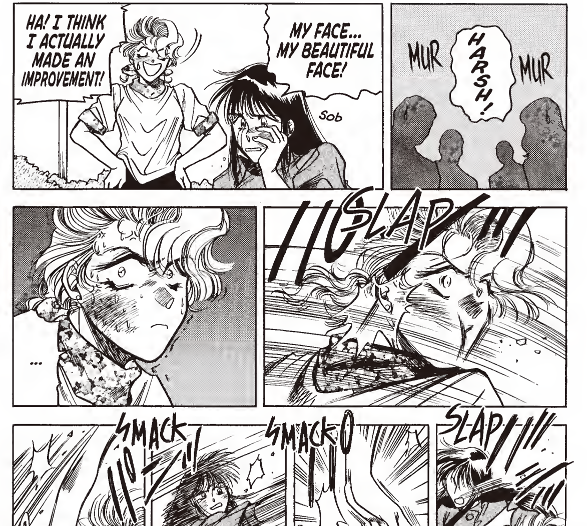
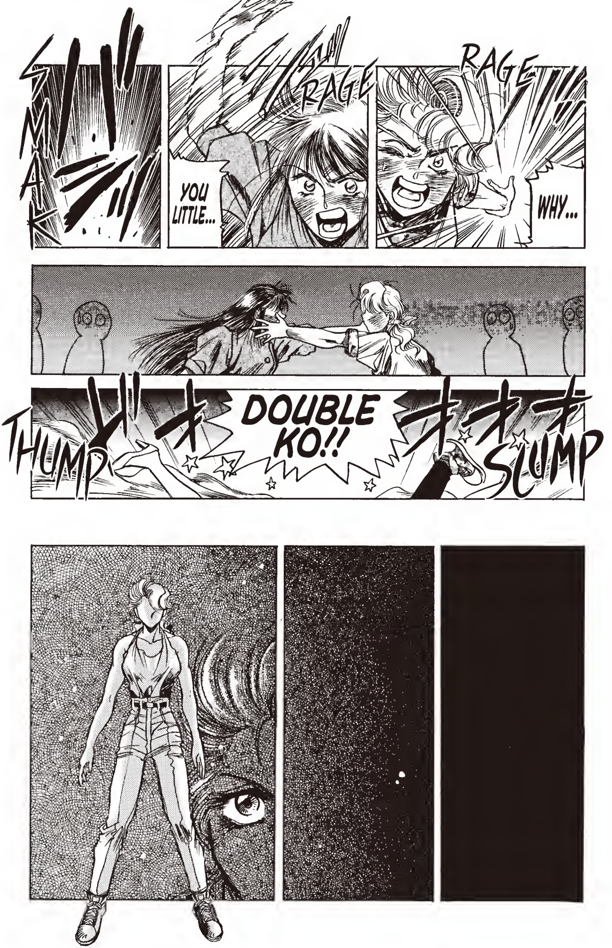

WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I FELT MUCH THE SAME WAY.

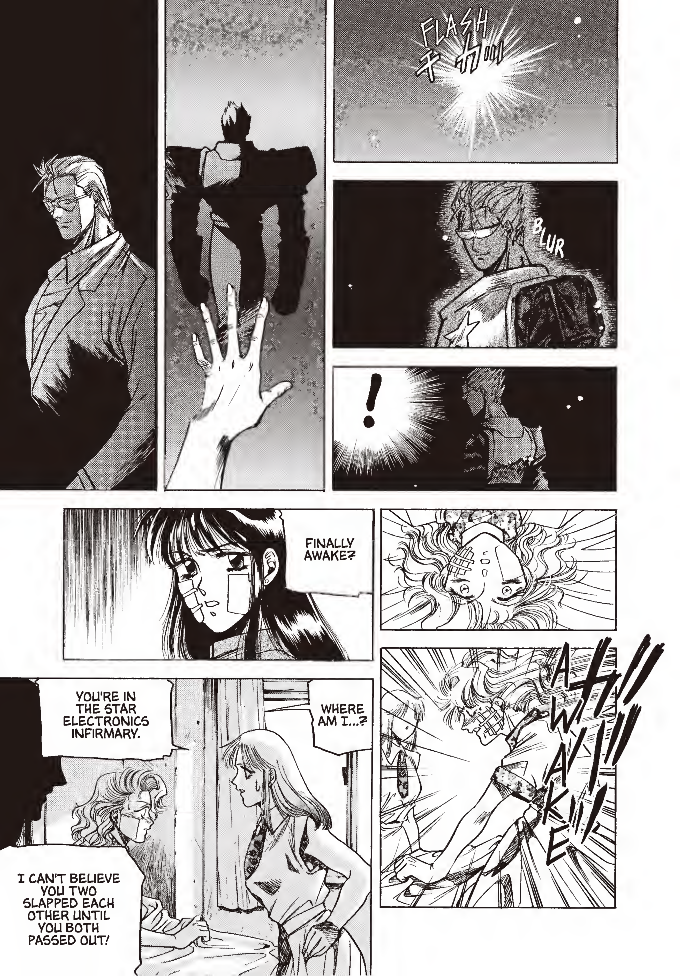

...
THAT DOES IT!!
EEEK!
RUSH
YOUR SORRY EXCUSE FOR A FACE IS ALREADY PRETTY PAINFUL TO LOOK AT, BUT BY THE TIME I'M DONE WITH IT, YOU'LL BE WEARING A PAPER BAG JUST TO LEAVE THE HOUSE!
I'M GOING TO DROP YOU SO HARD!
SLAM
!?
FLIP

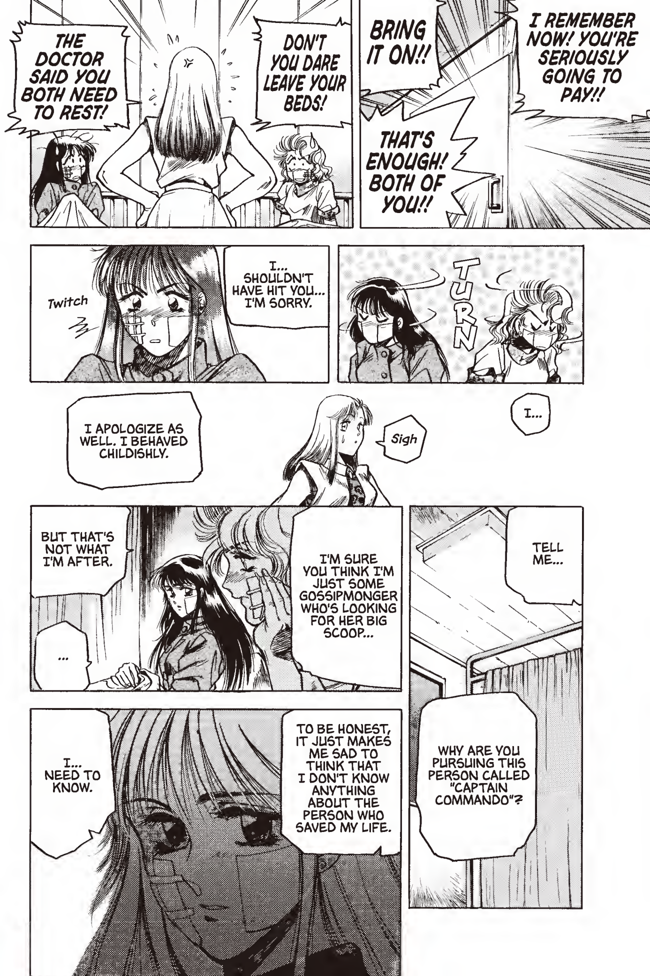

DOOMLY!!
OW?
ARGH!!
OOPS!
DID I DO THAT?
DODGE
RUSH!!
!
TRIP

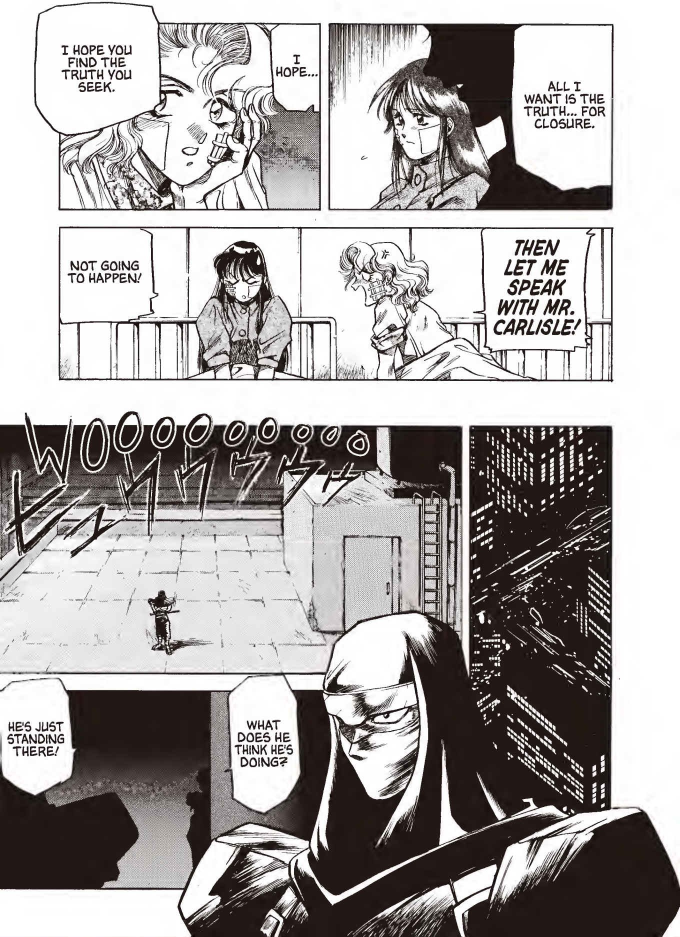

WAM
EEP!
WHOOOOOA!
Murmur
Murmur
Note: Spectators
JUST STAY ON THE GROUND... THAT'S WHERE YOU BELONG.
WE'RE DONE HERE.
GASP
TURN
THAT HURT!!
ぱん
SLAP!

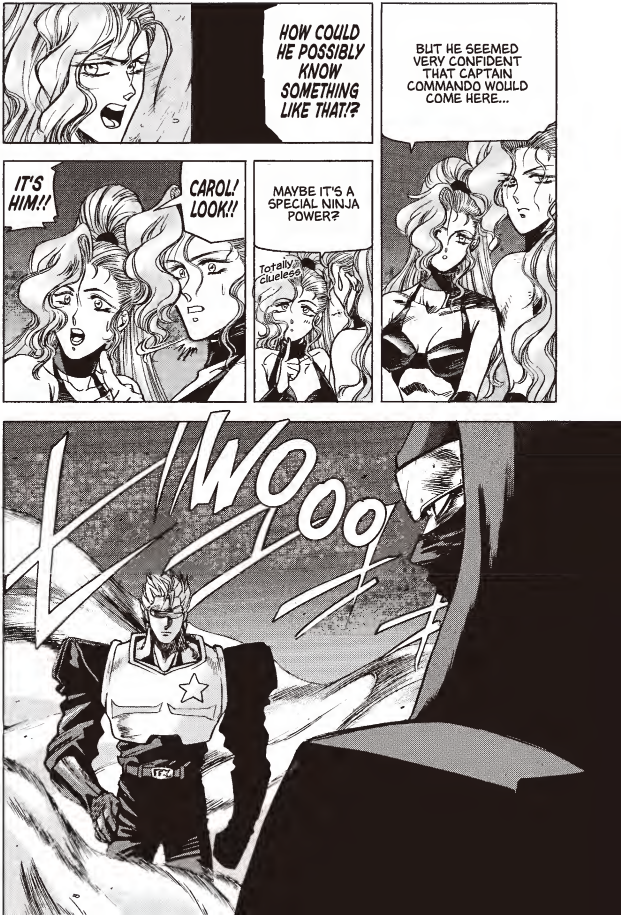

HA! I THINK I ACTUALLY MADE AN IMPROVEMENT!
MY FACE... MY BEAUTIFUL FACE!
Sob
MUR
HARSH!
MUR
...
SLAP
SMACK
SLAP
SMACK
WHAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SMACK
SLAP
SMACK
SLAP
SLAP
SMACK

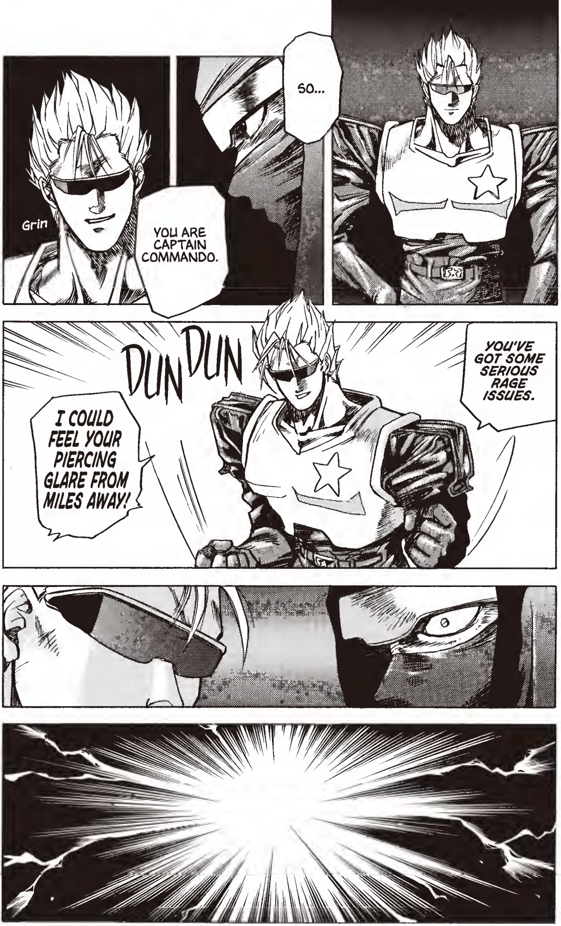

RAGE
WHY...
RAGE
YOU LITTLE...
SMAK
SLUMP
オオオ
DOUBLE KO!!
ゾオ
THUMP

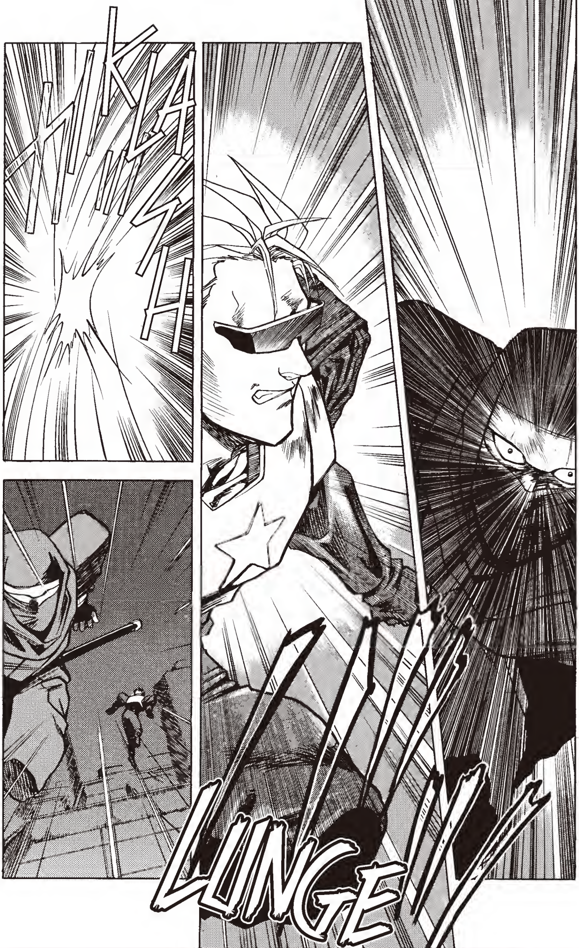

FLASH
チカッ
BLUR
!
FINALLY AWAKE?
A-H!! WA!!! AKE!!!
WHERE AM I...?
YOU'RE IN THE STAR ELECTRONICS INFIRMARY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO SLAPPED EACH OTHER UNTIL YOU BOTH PASSED OUT!

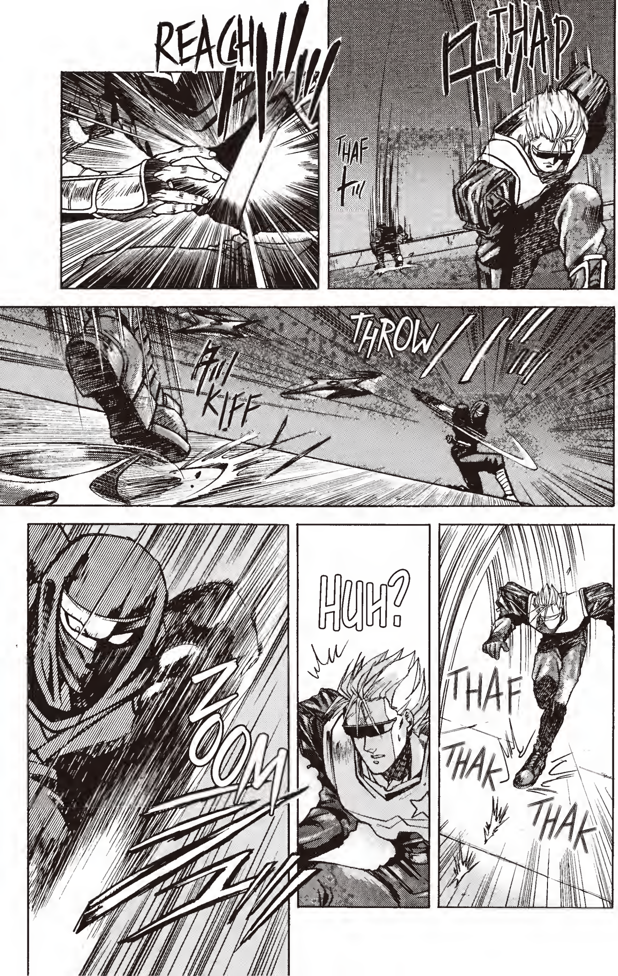

I REMEMBER NOW! YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GOING TO PAY!!
BRING IT ON!!
THAT'S ENOUGH! BOTH OF YOU!!
DON'T YOU DARE LEAVE YOUR BEDS!
THE DOCTOR SAID YOU BOTH NEED TO REST!
TURN
I... SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT YOU... I'M SORRY.
Twitch
I...
Sigh
I APOLOGIZE AS WELL. I BEHAVED CHILDISHLY.
TELL ME...
WHY ARE YOU PURSUING THIS PERSON CALLED "CAPTAIN COMMANDO"?
I'M SURE YOU THINK I'M JUST SOME GOSSIPMONGER WHO'S LOOKING FOR HER BIG SCOOP...
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M AFTER.
...
TO BE HONEST, IT JUST MAKES ME SAD TO THINK THAT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PERSON WHO SAVED MY LIFE.
I... NEED TO KNOW.

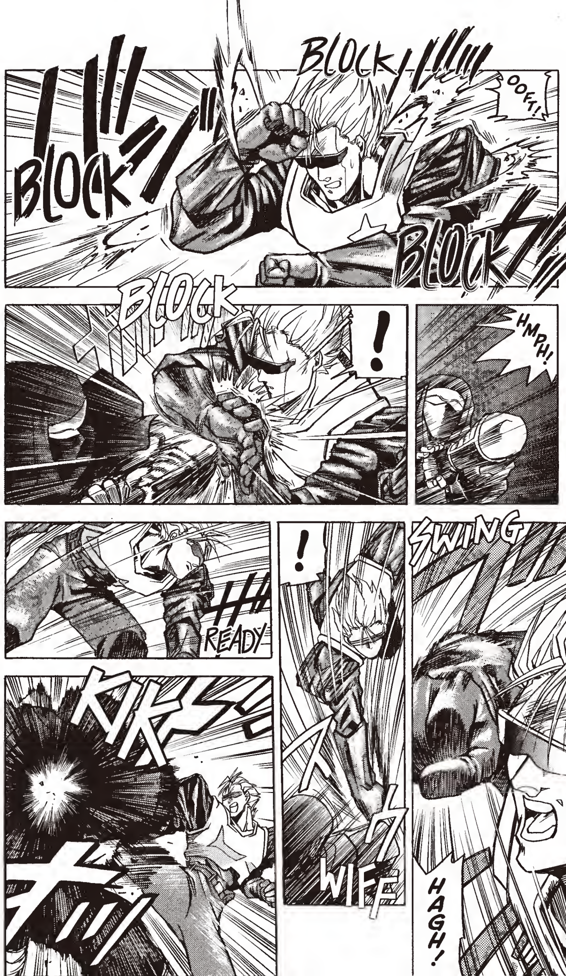

ALL I WANT IS THE TRUTH... FOR CLOSURE.
I HOPE...
I HOPE YOU FIND THE TRUTH YOU SEEK.
THEN LET ME SPEAK WITH MR. CARLISLE!
NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!
WOOOOOOOOO
ヒュウウウゥゥ
WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?
HE'S JUST STANDING THERE!

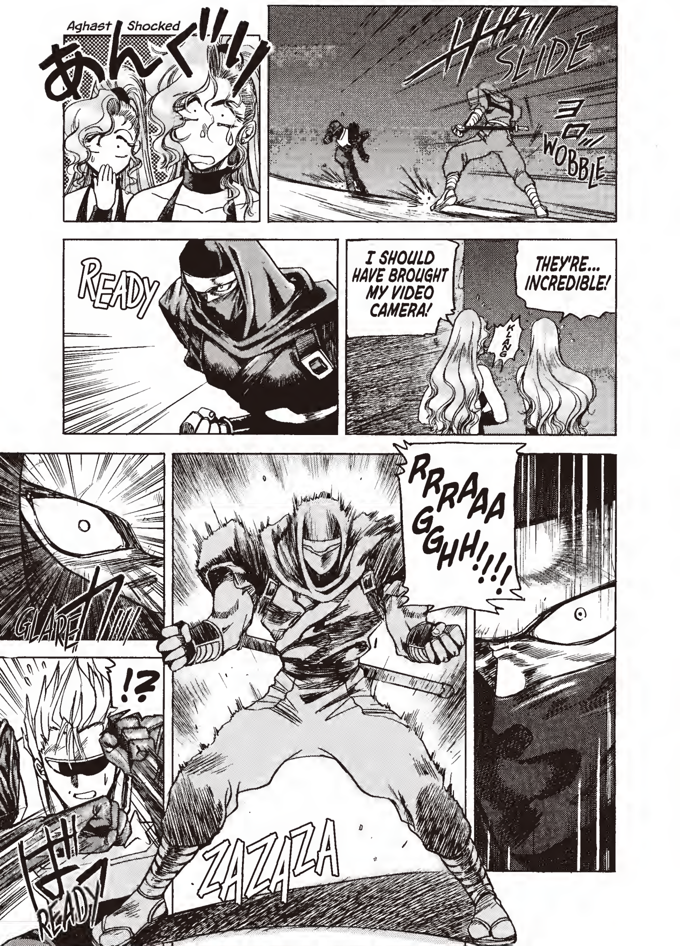

BUT HE SEEMED VERY CONFIDENT THAT CAPTAIN COMMANDO WOULD COME HERE...
HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
MAYBE IT'S A SPECIAL NINJA POWER?
Totally clueless
CAROL! LOOK!!
IT'S HIM!!
WOOOO

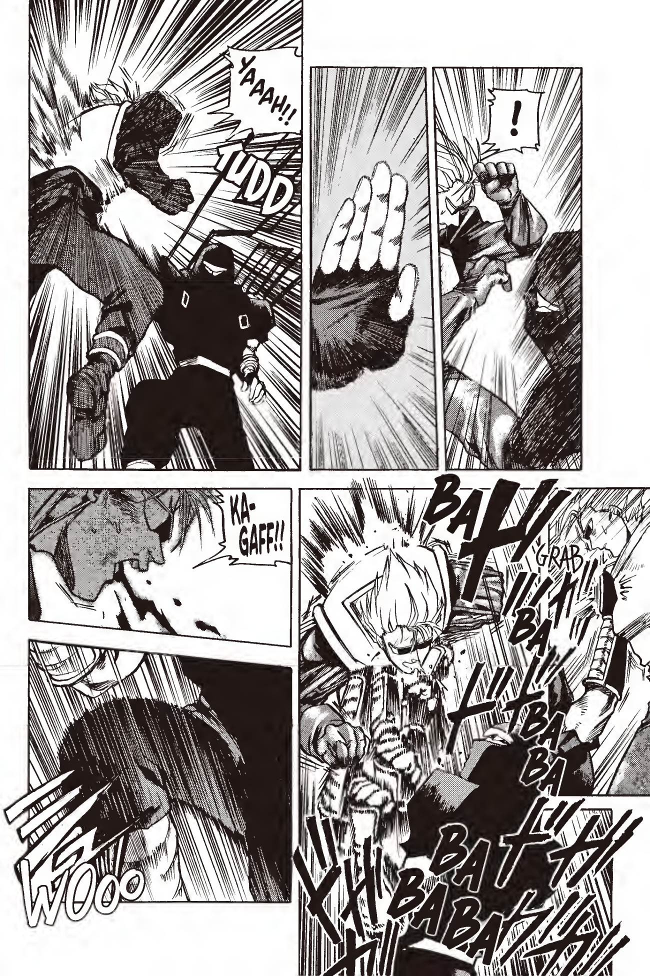

SO...
Grin
YOU ARE CAPTAIN COMMANDO.
YOU'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS RAGE ISSUES.
DUN DUN
I COULD FEEL YOUR PIERCING GLARE FROM MILES AWAY!

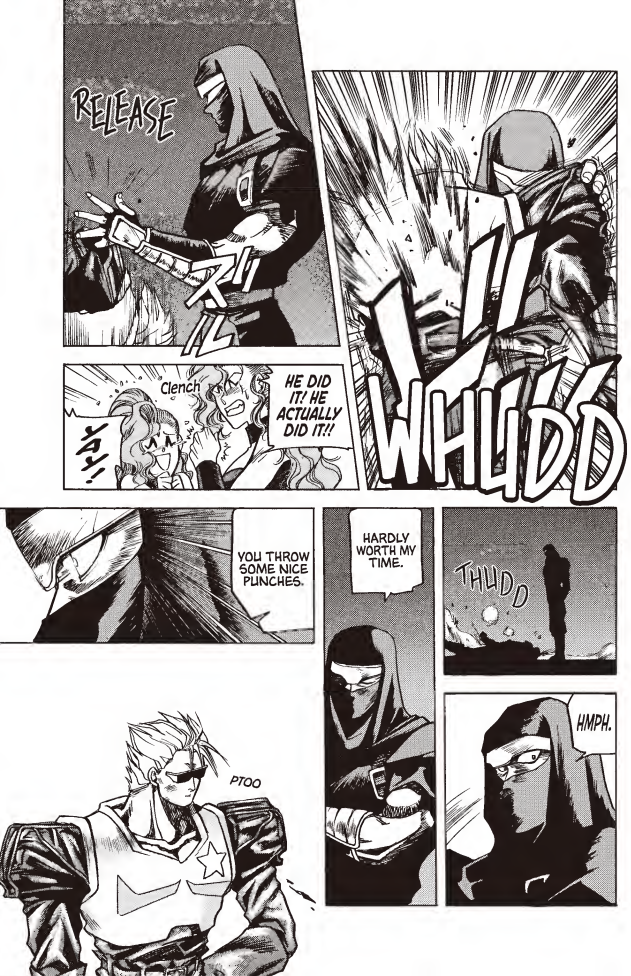

SHKLASH
LUNGE

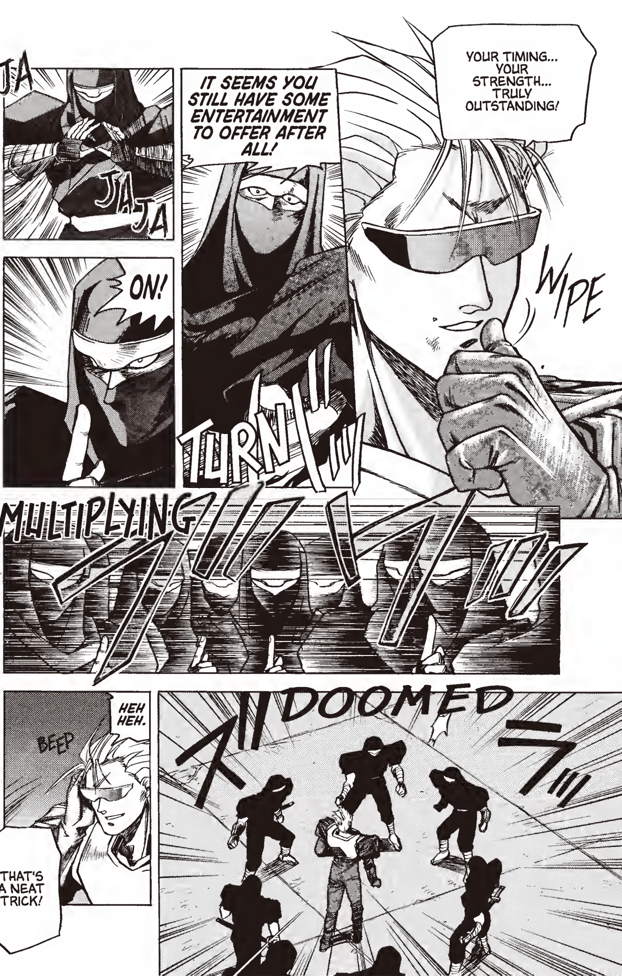

THAP
THAF
REACH
THROW
KIFF
THAF
THAK
THAK
HUH?
ZOOM

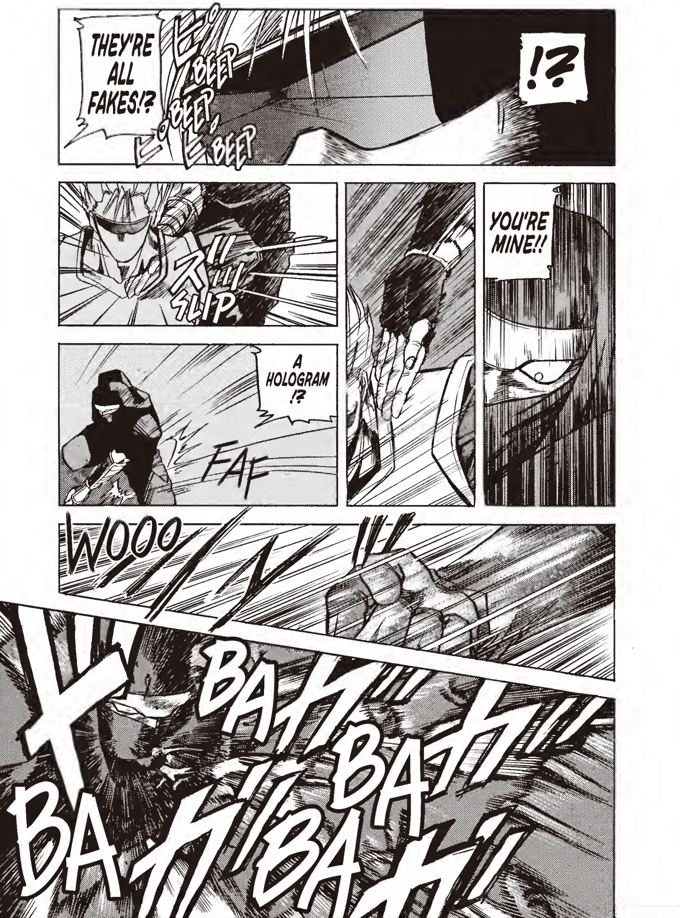

BLOCK
OOF!
BLOCK
BLOCK
HMPH!
!
BLOCK
SWING
HAGH!
!
WIFF
READY
KRK

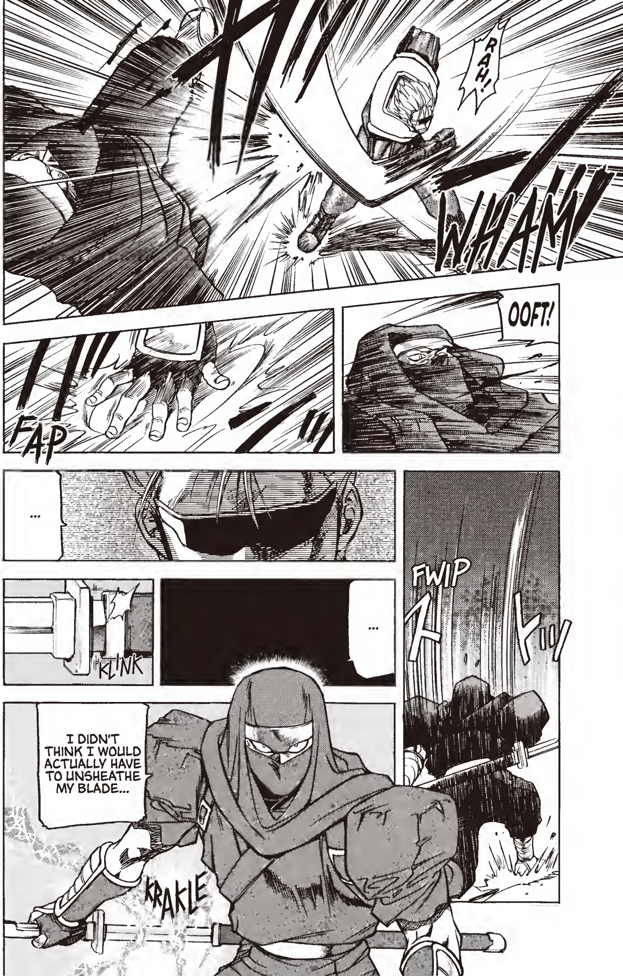

SLIDE
ヨロ…
WOBBLE
あんぐり!!
Aghast
Shocked
THEY'RE... INCREDIBLE!
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MY VIDEO CAMERA!
KLANG
READY
RRRAAAGGHH!!!!
ZAZAZA
GLARE
!?
READY

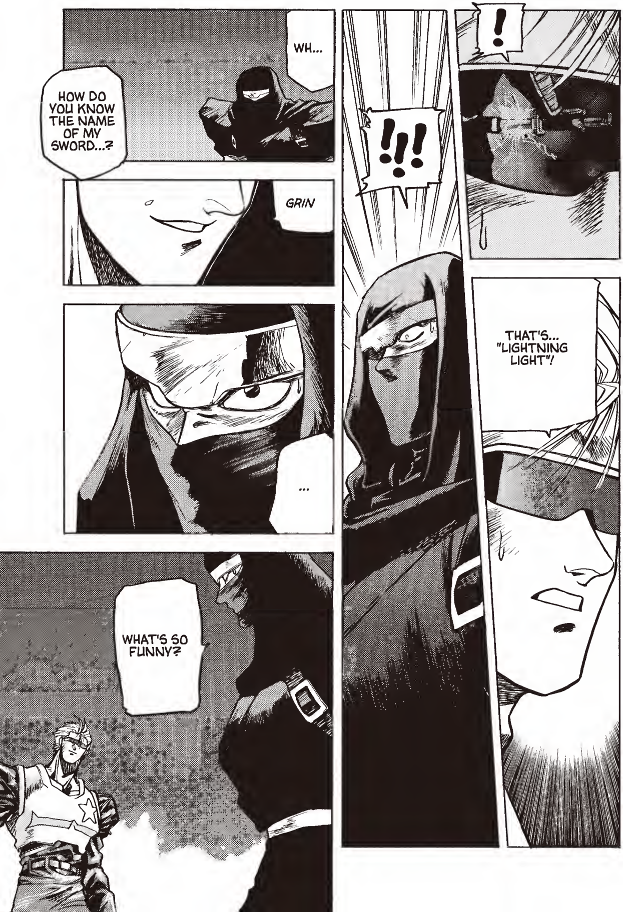

YAAAH!!
TUDD
!
KA-
GAFF!!
WOOO
BAH
GRAB
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BABABA

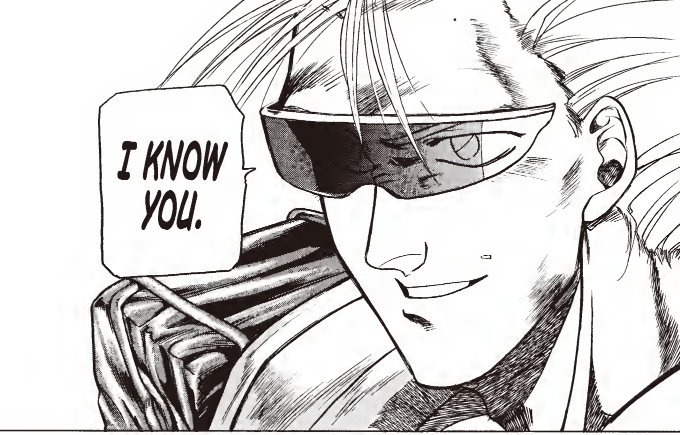

RELEASE
ズル
WHUDD
HE DID IT! HE ACTUALLY DID IT!!
Clench
YOU THROW SOME NICE PUNCHES.
HARDLY WORTH MY TIME.
THUDD
HMPH.
PTOO

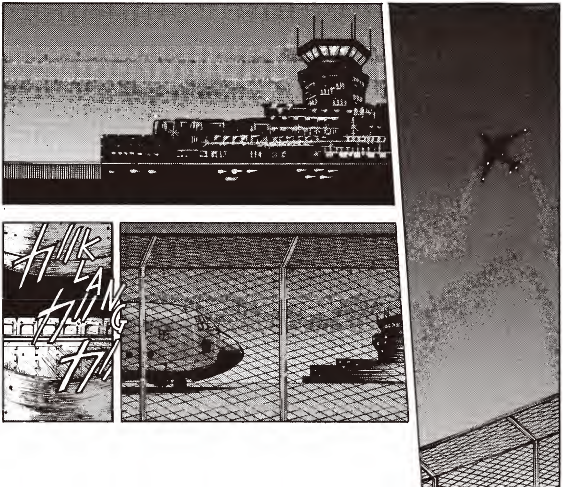

YOUR TIMING... YOUR STRENGTH... TRULY OUTSTANDING!
WIPE
IT SEEMS YOU STILL HAVE SOME ENTERTAINMENT TO OFFER AFTER ALL!
TURN
JA
JA JA
ON!
MULTIPLYING
DOOMED
HEH HEH.
BEEP
THAT'S A NEAT TRICK!

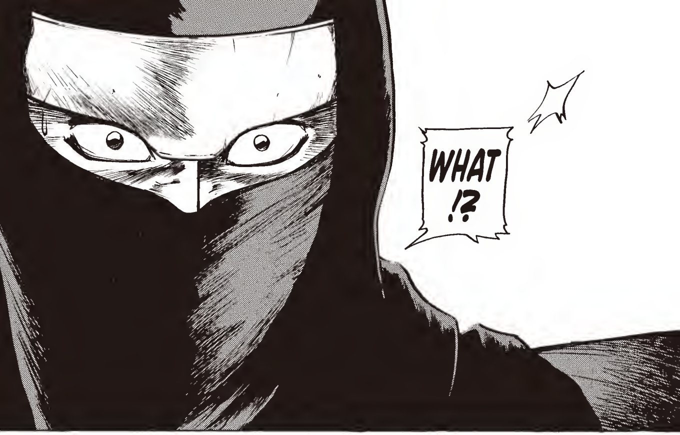

!?
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
THEY'RE ALL FAKES!?
YOU'RE MINE!!
ズ!! SLIP
A HOLOGRAM !?
FAF
WOOO
BA BA BA BA

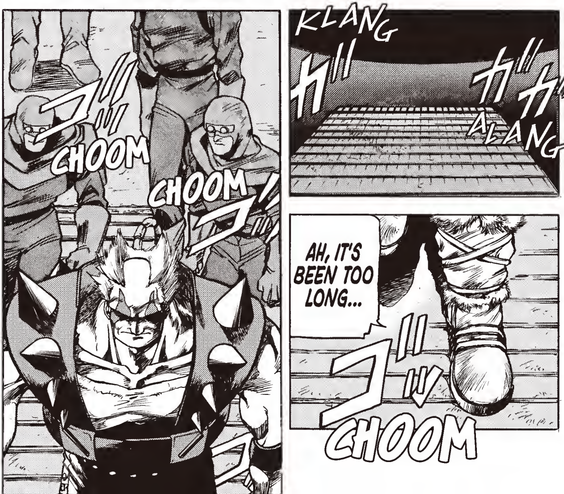

RAH!
WHAM!
OOFT!
FAP
FWIP
...
...
KLINK
I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE TO UNSHEATHE MY BLADE...
KRAKLE

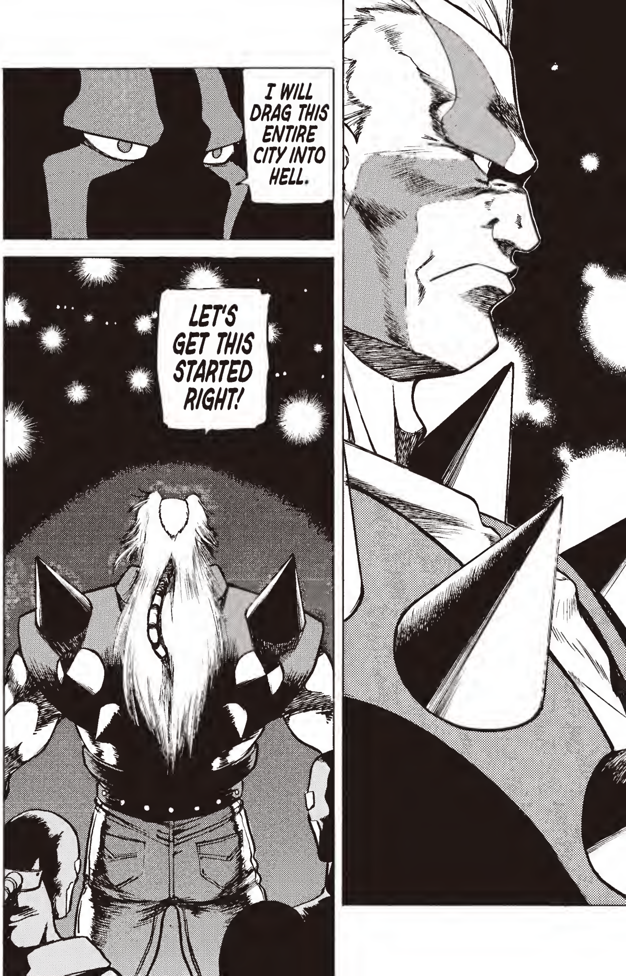

WH...
HOW DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF MY SWORD...?
GRIN
...
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
!!!
!
THAT'S... "LIGHTNING LIGHT"!

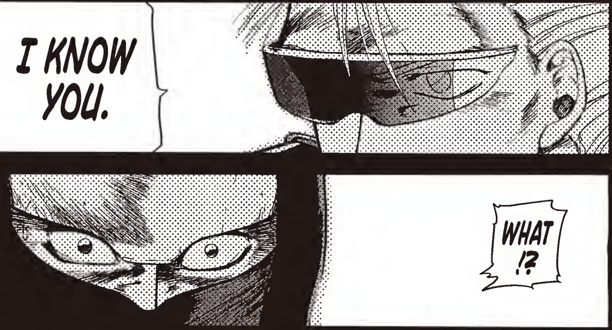

I KNOW YOU.


KLANG

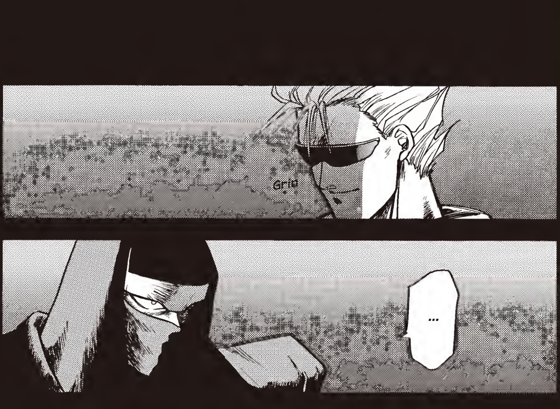

WHAT !?

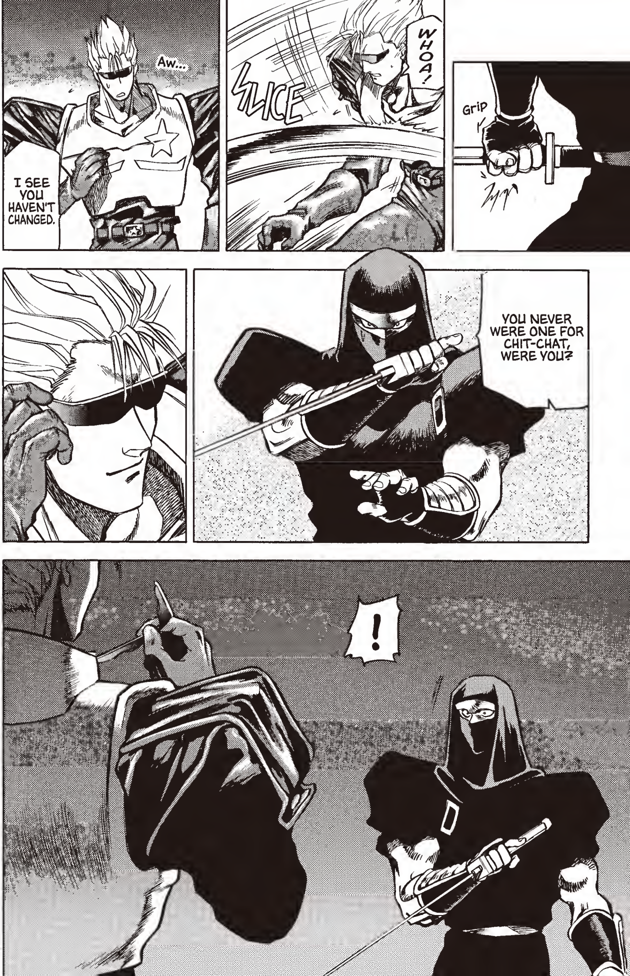

KLANG
ガッ
ガッ ガッ
ALANG
AH, IT'S BEEN TOO LONG...
ゴッ
CHOOM
ゴッ
CHOOM
CHOOM
ゴッ

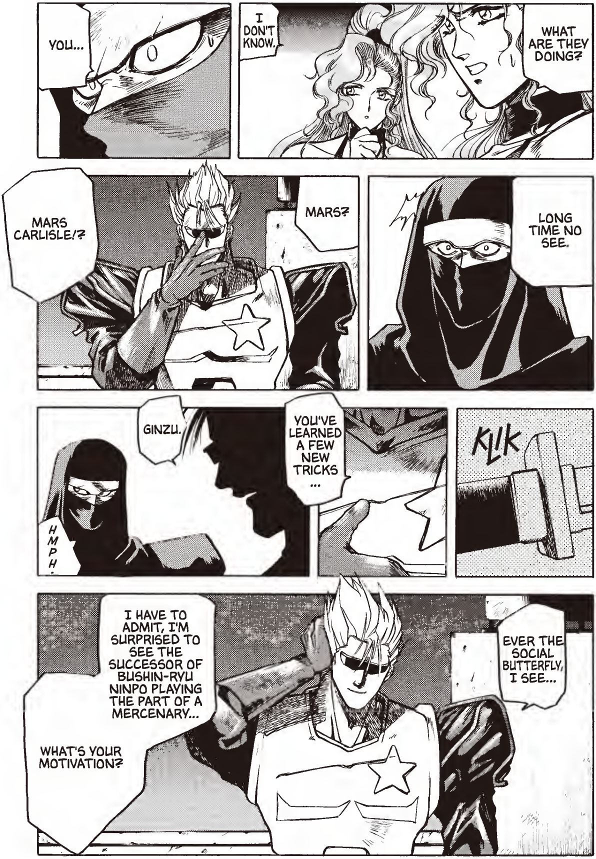

I WILL DRAG THIS ENTIRE CITY INTO HELL.
LET'S GET THIS STARTED RIGHT!

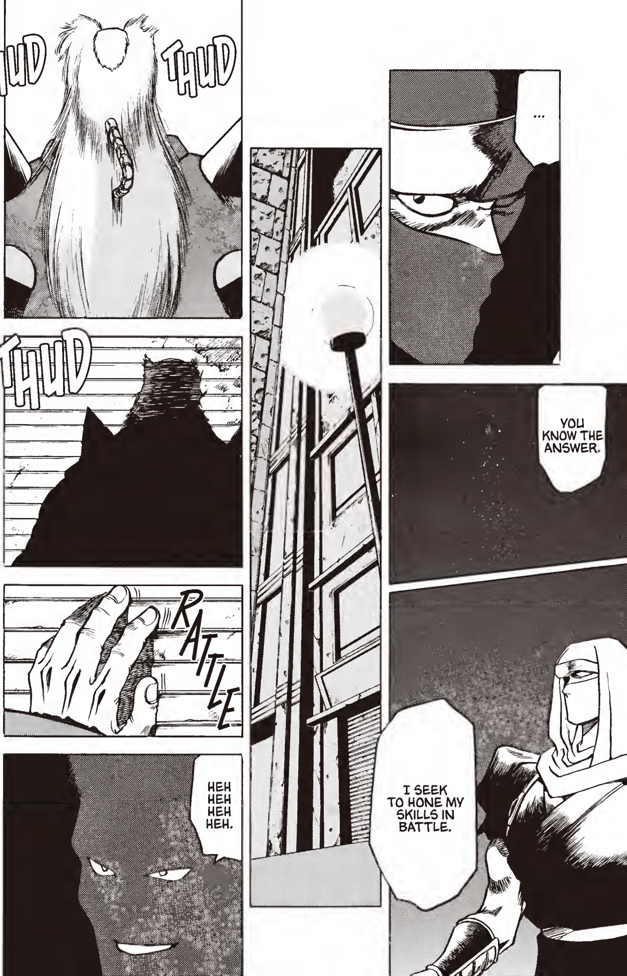

I KNOW YOU.
WHAT !?

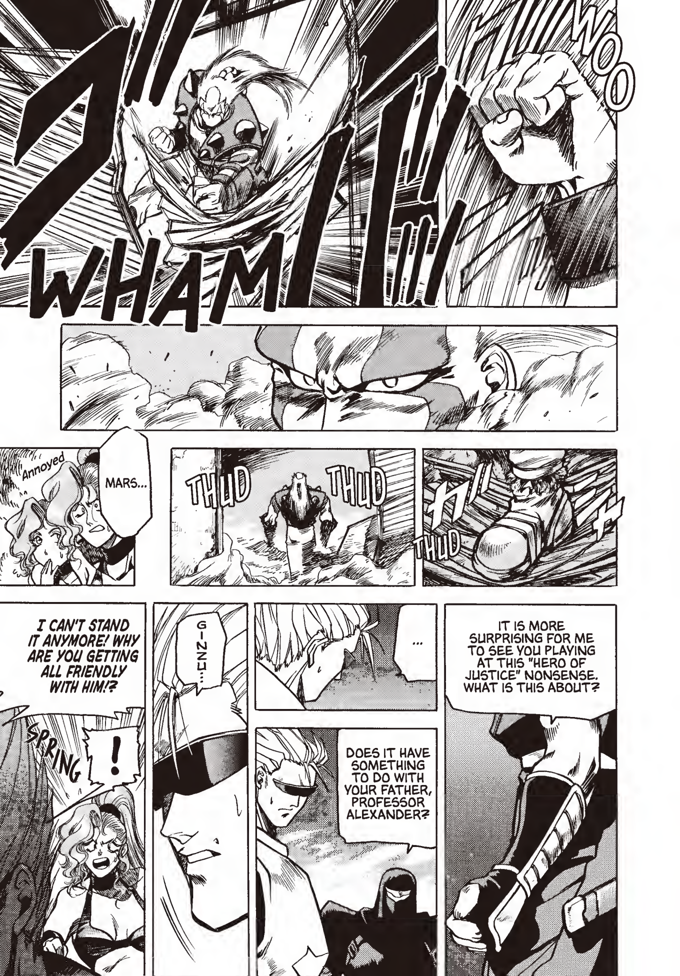
CHAPTER 7

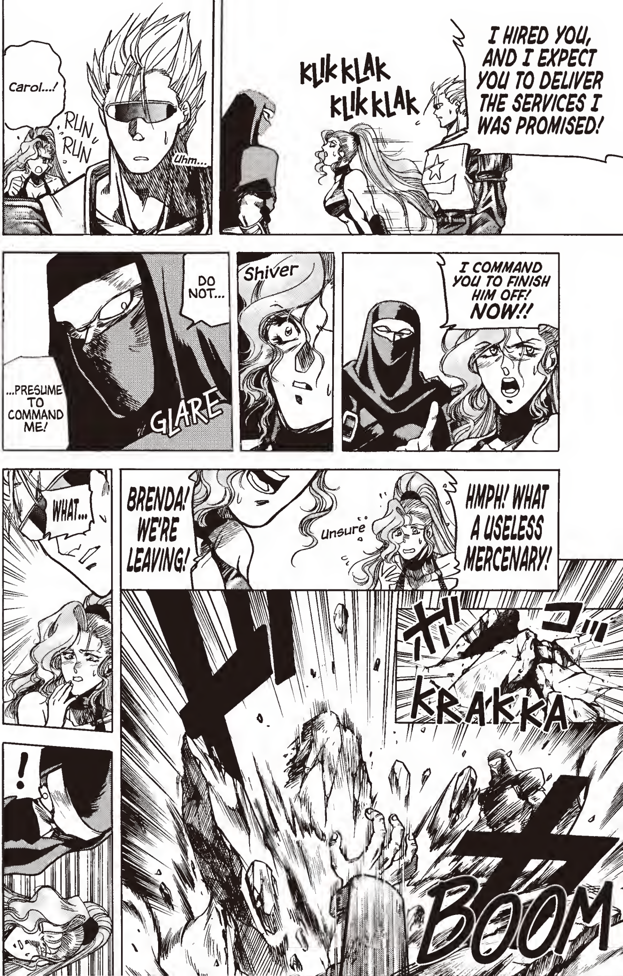


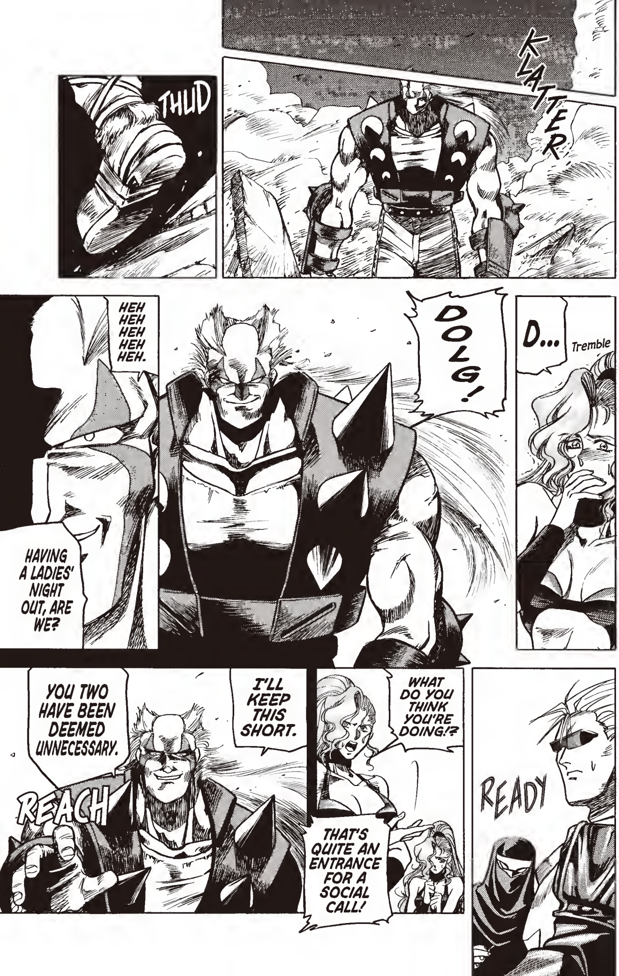

Aw...
I SEE YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.
WHOA!
SLICE
Grip
YOU NEVER WERE ONE FOR CHIT-CHAT, WERE YOU?
!

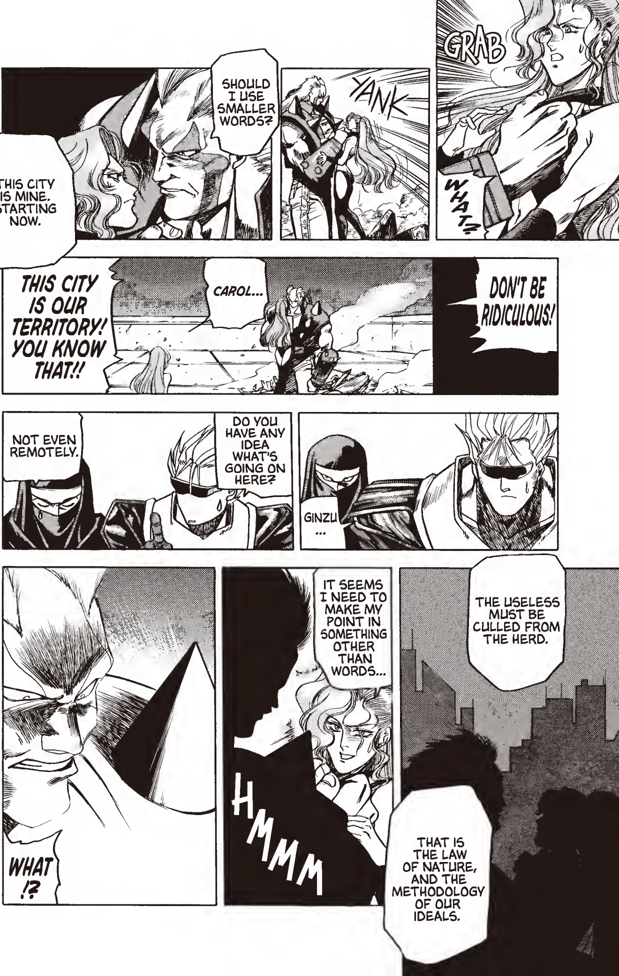

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU...
LONG TIME NO SEE.
MARS?
MARS CARLISLE!?
KLIK
YOU'VE LEARNED A FEW NEW TRICKS...
GINZU.
HMPH.
EVER THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY, I SEE...
I HAVE TO ADMIT, I'M SURPRISED TO SEE THE SUCCESSOR OF BUSHIN-RYU NINPO PLAYING THE PART OF A MERCENARY...
WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVATION?

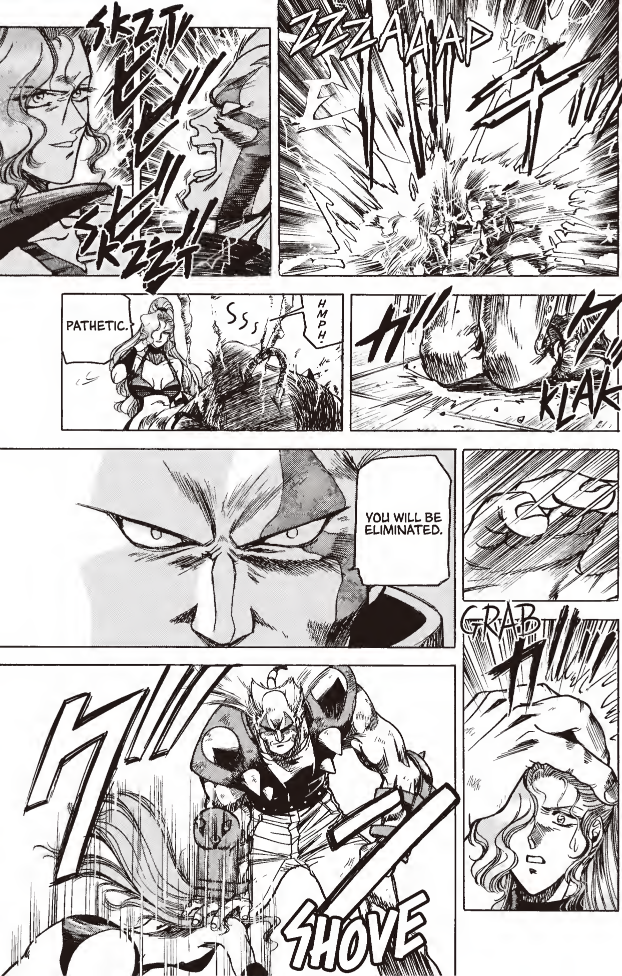

THUD
THUD
THUD
RATTLE
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
...
YOU KNOW THE ANSWER.
I SEEK TO HONE MY SKILLS IN BATTLE.

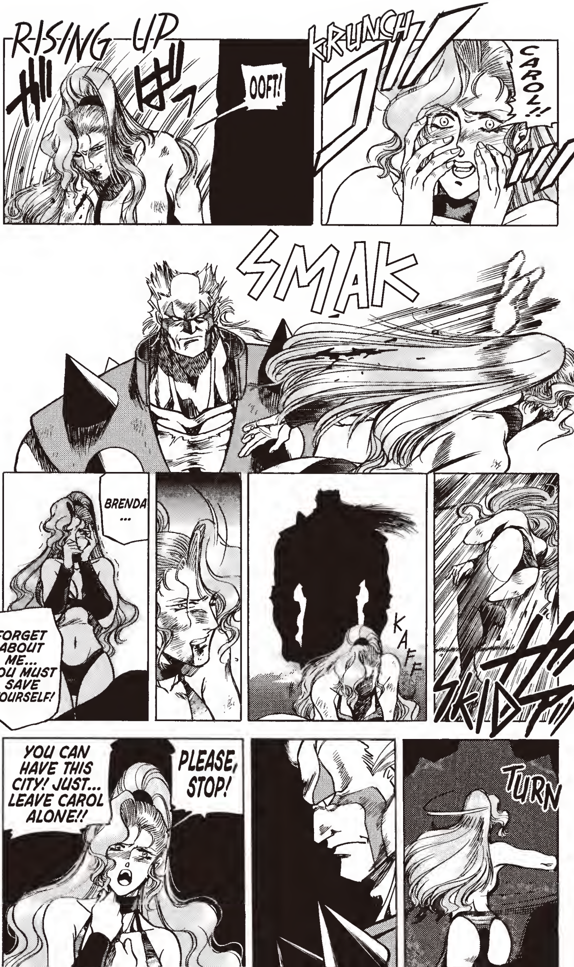

WOO
WHAM!!!!
THUD
THUD THUD
MARS...
Annoyed
IT IS MORE SURPRISING FOR ME TO SEE YOU PLAYING AT THIS "HERO OF JUSTICE" NONSENSE. WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
...
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR FATHER, PROFESSOR ALEXANDER?
GINZU...
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE! WHY ARE YOU GETTING ALL FRIENDLY WITH HIM!?
!
SPRING

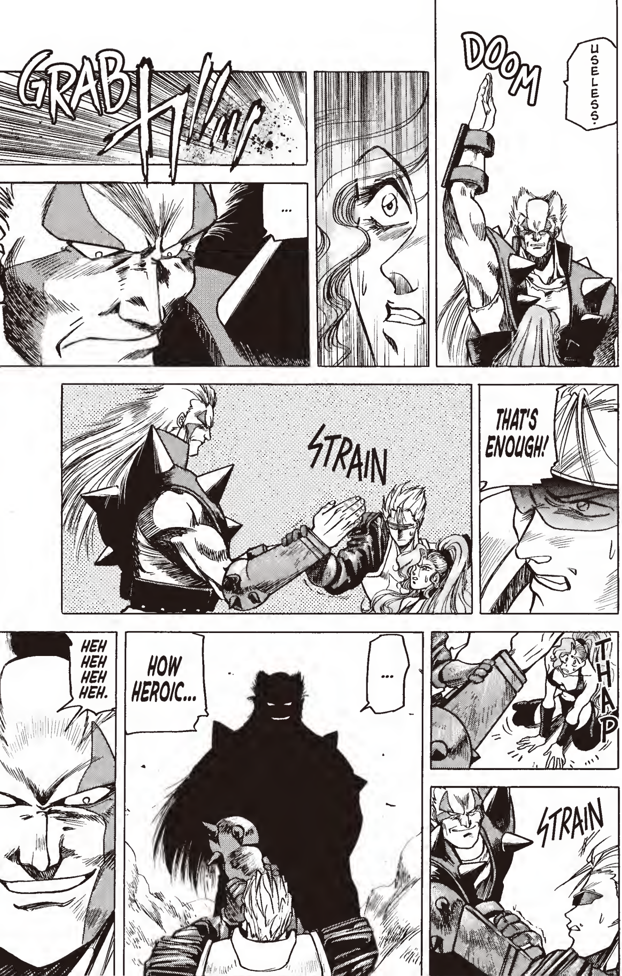

I HIRED YOU, AND I EXPECT YOU TO DELIVER THE SERVICES I WAS PROMISED!
KLIK KLAK KLIK KLAK
Carol...!
RUN RUN
Uhm...
I COMMAND YOU TO FINISH HIM OFF! NOW!!
Shiver
DO NOT...
...PRESUME TO COMMAND ME!
GLARE
HMPH! WHAT A USELESS MERCENARY!
Unsure
BRENDA! WE'RE LEAVING!
WHAT...
ボゴッ
KRAKKA
BOOM
!

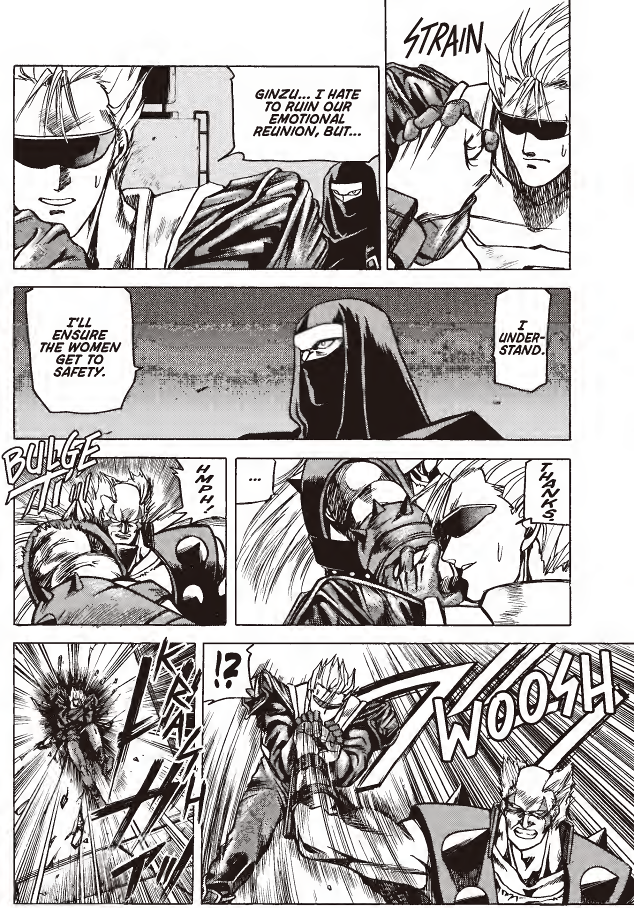

KLATTER
THUD
D...
Tremble
DOLG!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
HAVING A LADIES' NIGHT OUT, ARE WE?
READY
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
THAT'S QUITE AN ENTRANCE FOR A SOCIAL CALL!
I'LL KEEP THIS SHORT.
YOU TWO HAVE BEEN DEEMED UNNECESSARY.
REACH

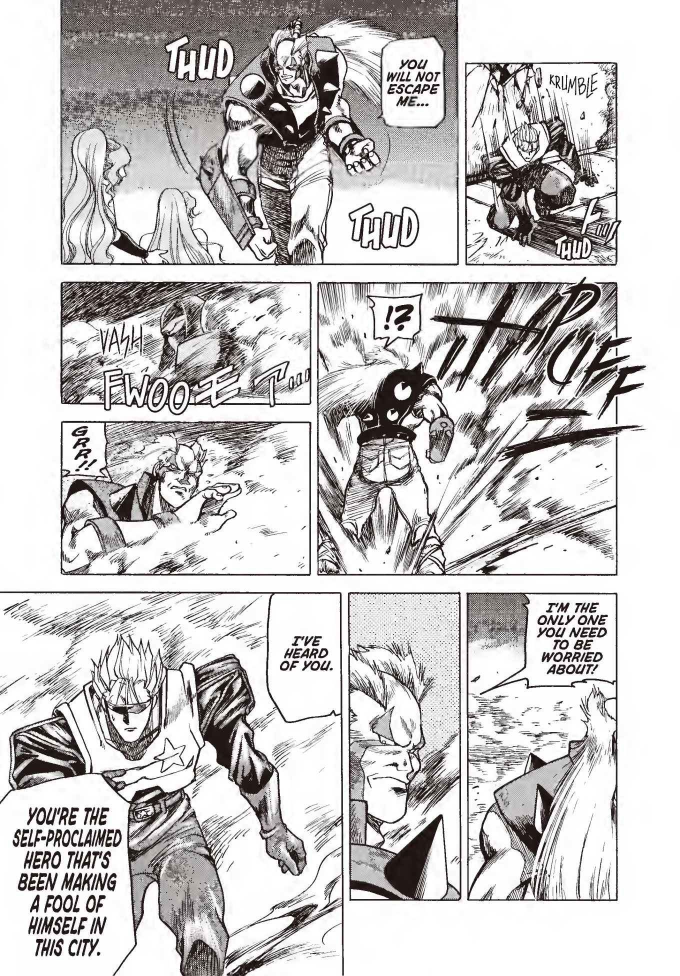

THIS CITY IS MINE. STARTING NOW.
SHOULD I USE SMALLER WORDS?
YANK
GRAB
WHAT?
THIS CITY IS OUR TERRITORY! YOU KNOW THAT!!
CAROL...
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
NOT EVEN REMOTELY.
GINZU...
WHAT!?
IT SEEMS I NEED TO MAKE MY POINT IN SOMETHING OTHER THAN WORDS...
HMMM
THE USELESS MUST BE CULLED FROM THE HERD.
THAT IS THE LAW OF NATURE, AND THE METHODOLOGY OF OUR IDEALS.

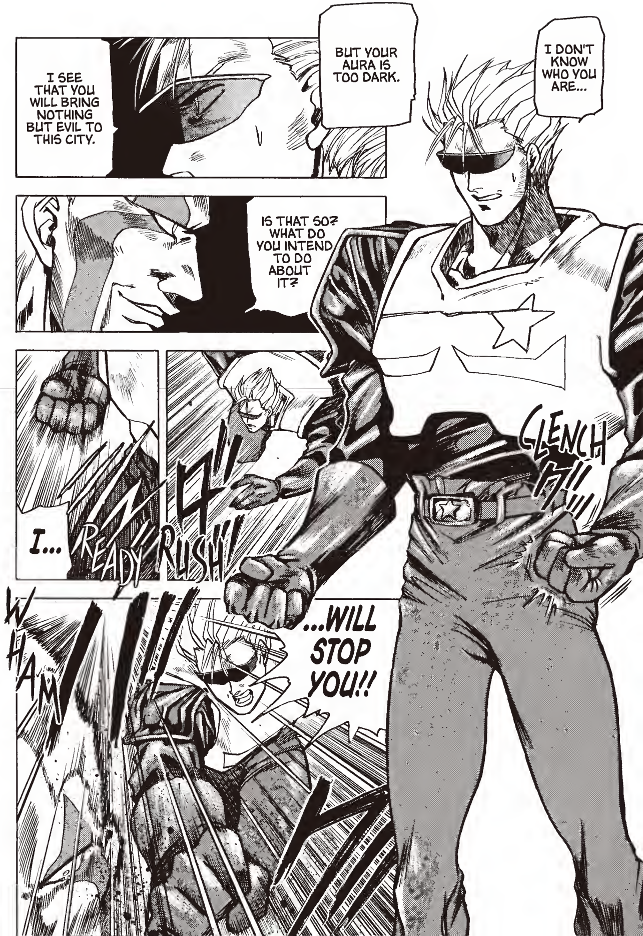

ZZZAAAP
SKZZT
SKZZZT
KLAK
HMPH!
Sss
PATHETIC.
YOU WILL BE ELIMINATED.
GRAB
SHOVE

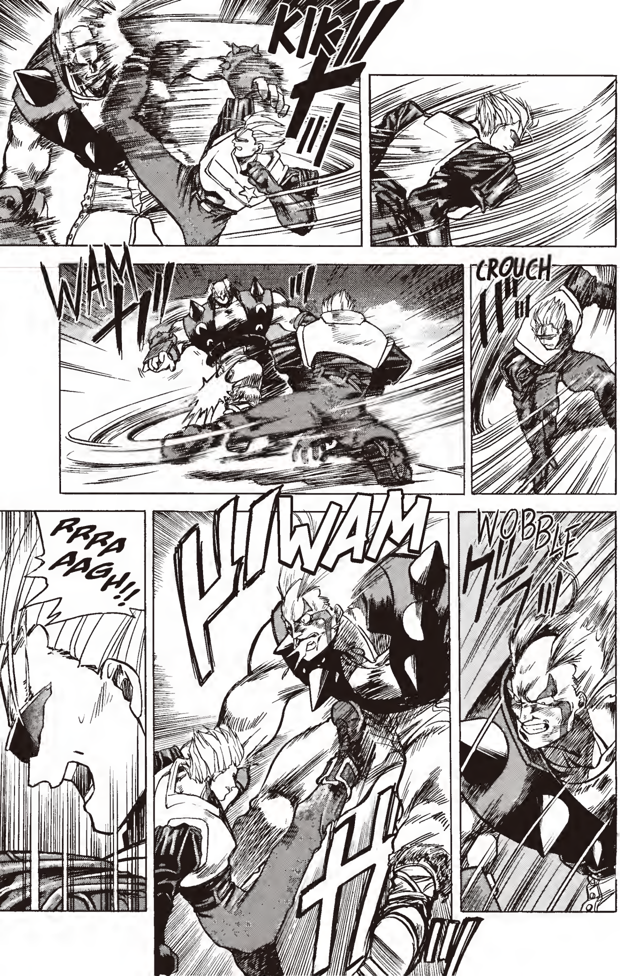

KRUNCH
CAROL!!
RISING UP
OOFT!
SMAK
SKID
KAFF
BRENDA...
FORGET ABOUT ME... YOU MUST SAVE YOURSELF!
TURN
PLEASE, STOP!
YOU CAN HAVE THIS CITY! JUST... LEAVE CAROL ALONE!!

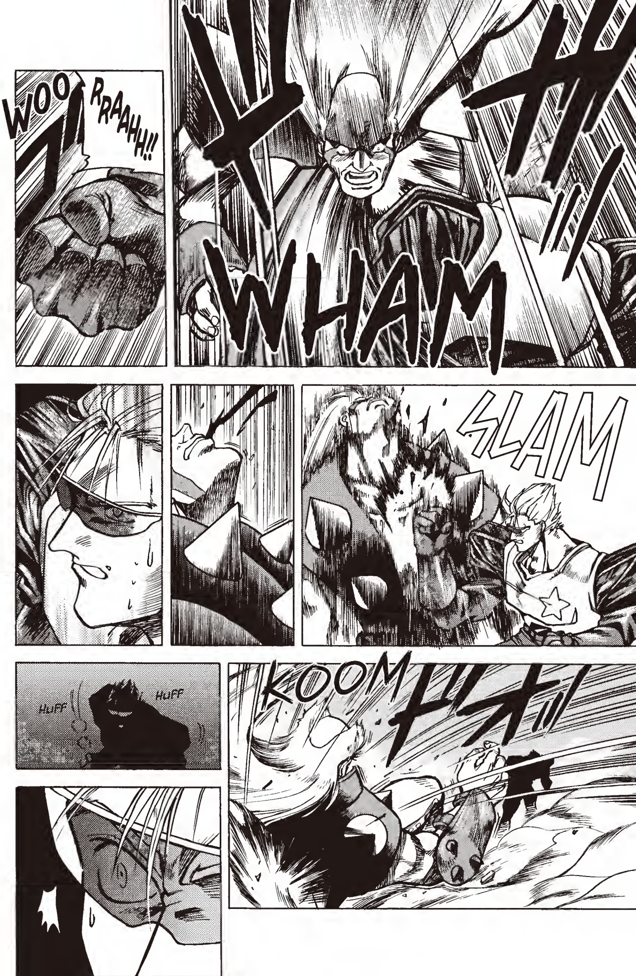

USELESS.
DOOM
GRAB
...
THAT'S ENOUGH!
STRAIN
THAP
...
HOW HEROIC...
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
STRAIN

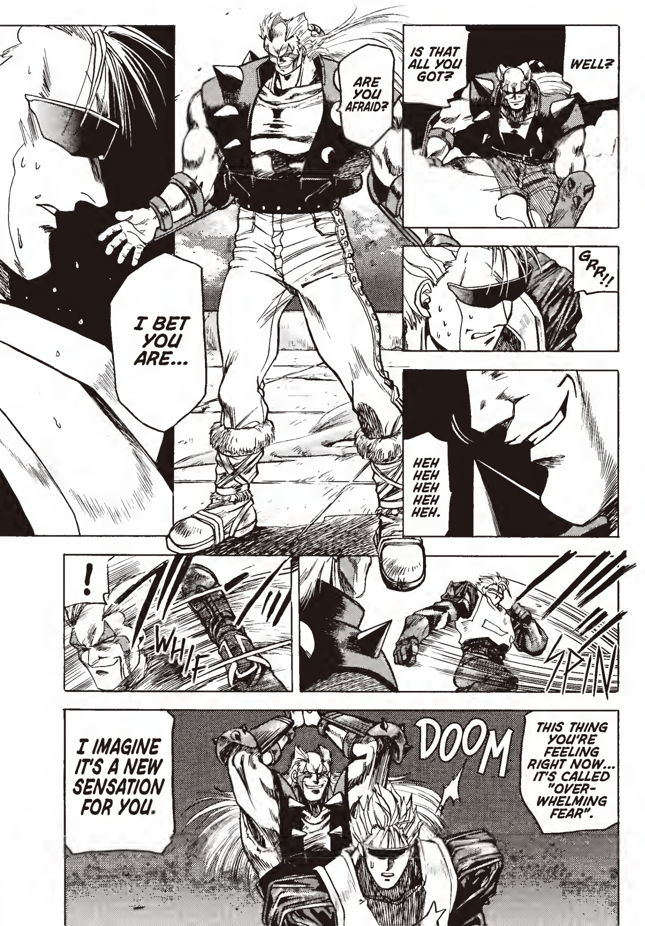

STRAIN
GINZU... I HATE TO RUIN OUR EMOTIONAL REUNION, BUT...
I UNDERSTAND.
I'LL ENSURE THE WOMEN GET TO SAFETY.
THANKS.
...
HMPH!
BULGE
WOOSH
!?
KRASH

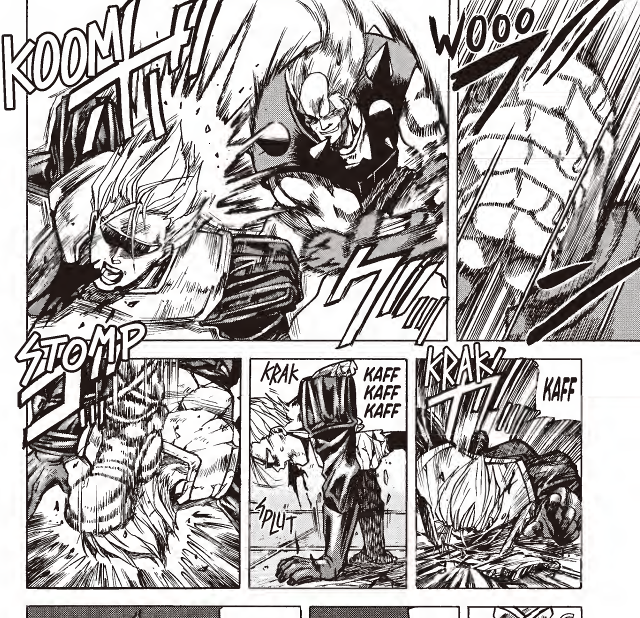

THUD
YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE ME...
THUD
KRUMBLE
THUD
VASH
FWOO
!?
HAPOFF
GRR!!
I'VE HEARD OF YOU.
YOU'RE THE SELF-PROCLAIMED HERO THAT'S BEEN MAKING A FOOL OF HIMSELF IN THIS CITY.
I'M THE ONLY ONE YOU NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT!

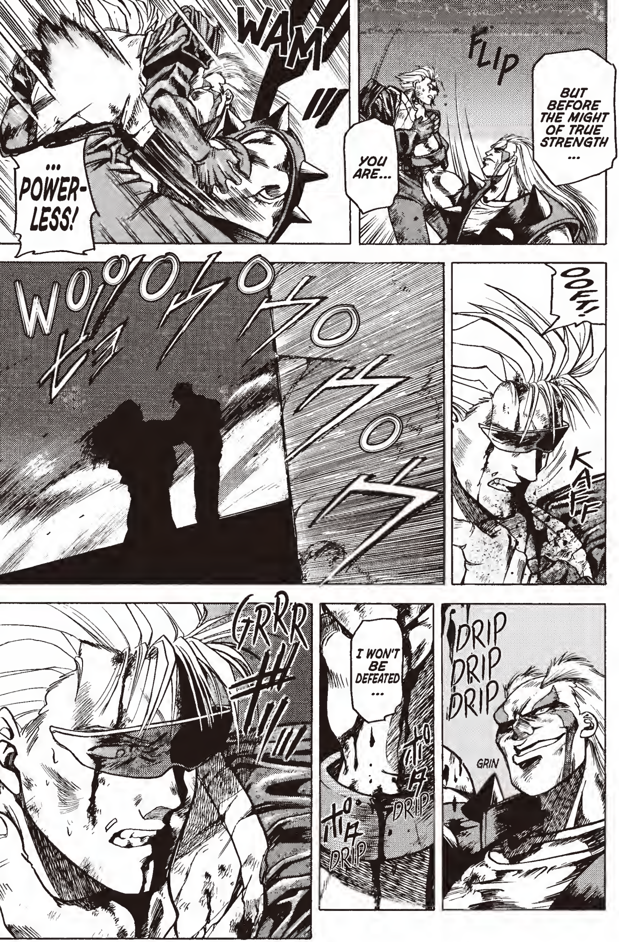

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
BUT YOUR AURA IS TOO DARK.
I SEE THAT YOU WILL BRING NOTHING BUT EVIL TO THIS CITY.
IS THAT SO? WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT IT?
CLENCH
RUSH!!
READY
I...
...WILL STOP YOU!!
WHAM

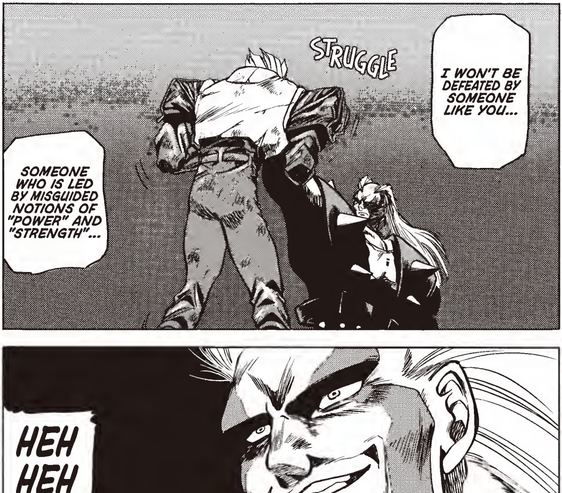

KIK!!
CROUCH
WAM!!
WOBBLE
WAM
RRRA AAGH!!!

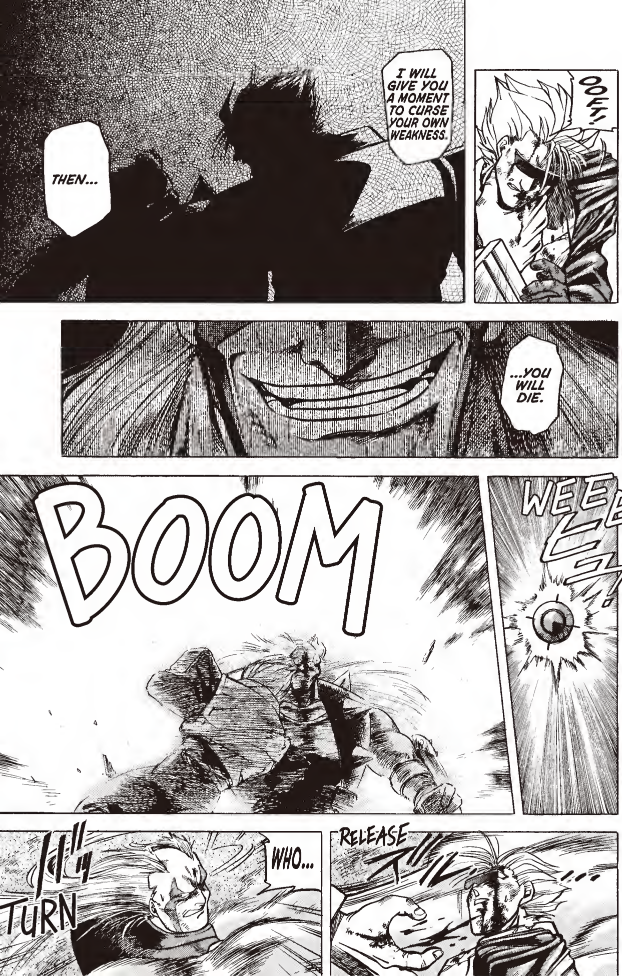

WHAM
WOO RRAAHH!!
SLAM
KOOM
HuFF
HuFF

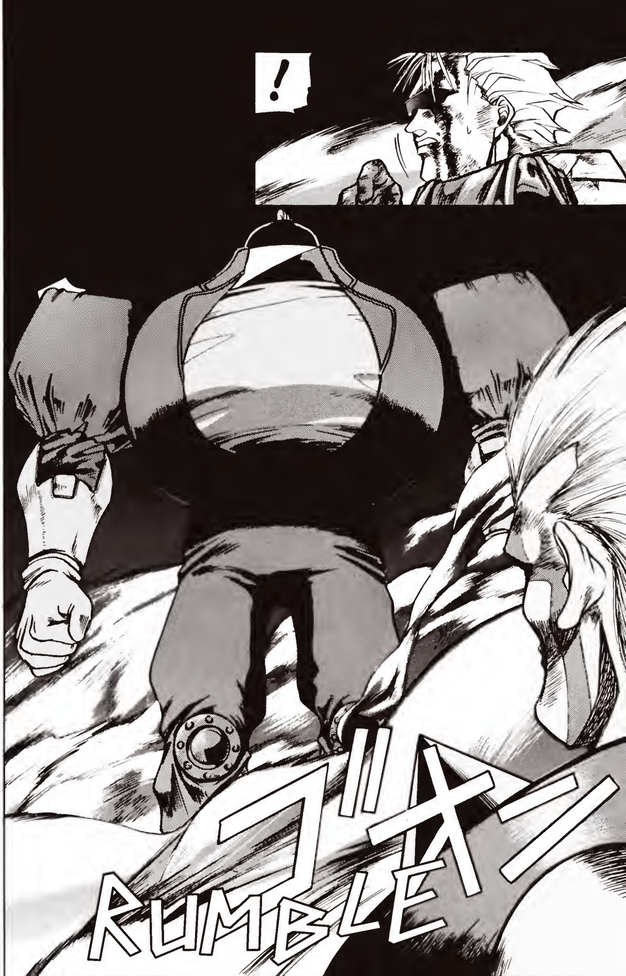

WELL?
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?
ARE YOU AFRAID?
I BET YOU ARE...
GRR!!
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
SPIN
!
WHIF
THIS THING YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW... IT'S CALLED "OVER-WHELMING FEAR".
DOOM
I IMAGINE IT'S A NEW SENSATION FOR YOU.

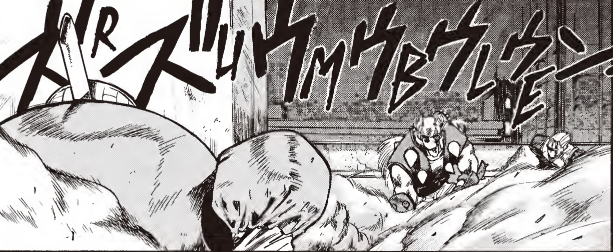

KOOM!
WOOO
STOMP
KRAK
KAFF KAFF KAFF
SPLUT
KRAK!
KAFF
HUMANS ARE SUCH MISERABLE CREATURES ...
YOU CLING TO PATHETIC IDEALS LIKE LOVE AND JUSTICE...
PUSH
HOW INADEQUATE ...
GRIND
OOF!


FLIP
BUT BEFORE THE MIGHT OF TRUE STRENGTH ...
YOU ARE...
WAM!!
... POWERLESS!
OOFF!!
KAFF
WOOOOOOO
ビョウウウ
DRIP DRIP DRIP
GRIN
I WON'T BE DEFEATED ...
ポタ DRIP
ポタ DRIP
GRRR!!!


I WON'T BE DEFEATED BY SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
STRUGGLE
SOMEONE WHO IS LED BY MISGUIDED NOTIONS OF "POWER" AND "STRENGTH"...
HEH HEH HEH.
I WOULD HAVE KILLED YOU REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU SAID...
BUT YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT MORE ENJOYABLE FOR ME!
GRIP
!!


OOFF!!
I WILL GIVE YOU A MOMENT TO CURSE YOUR OWN WEAKNESS.
THEN...
...YOU WILL DIE.
WEEEE
BOOM
RELEASE
...
WHO...
TURN


!
ゴオン
RUMBLE


ズズウウウウン…
RRUMBLE

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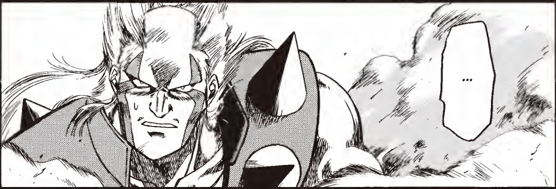
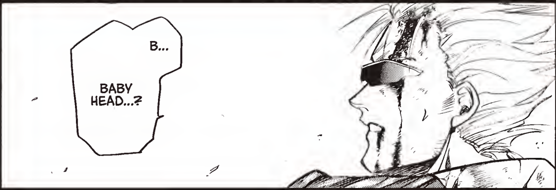
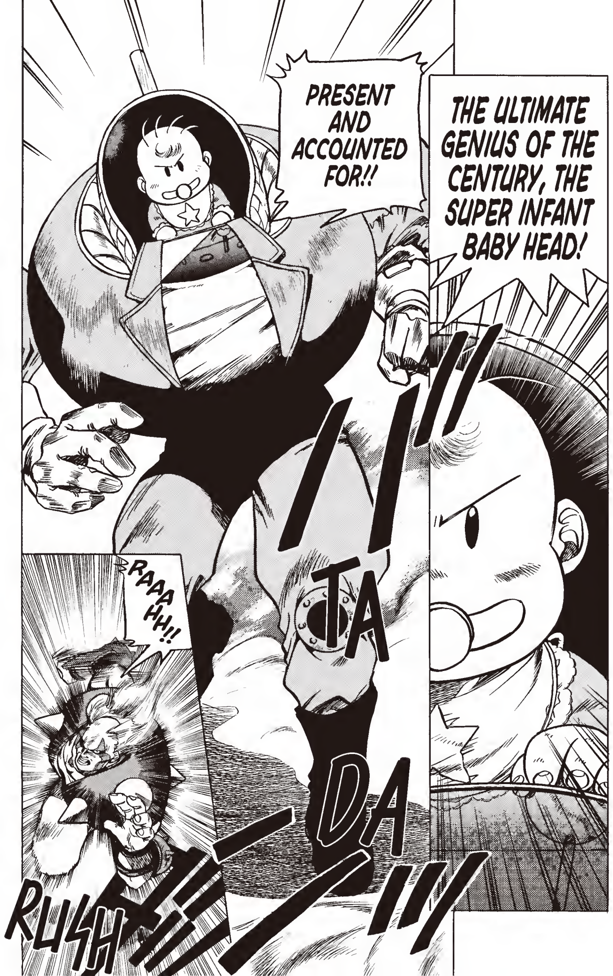
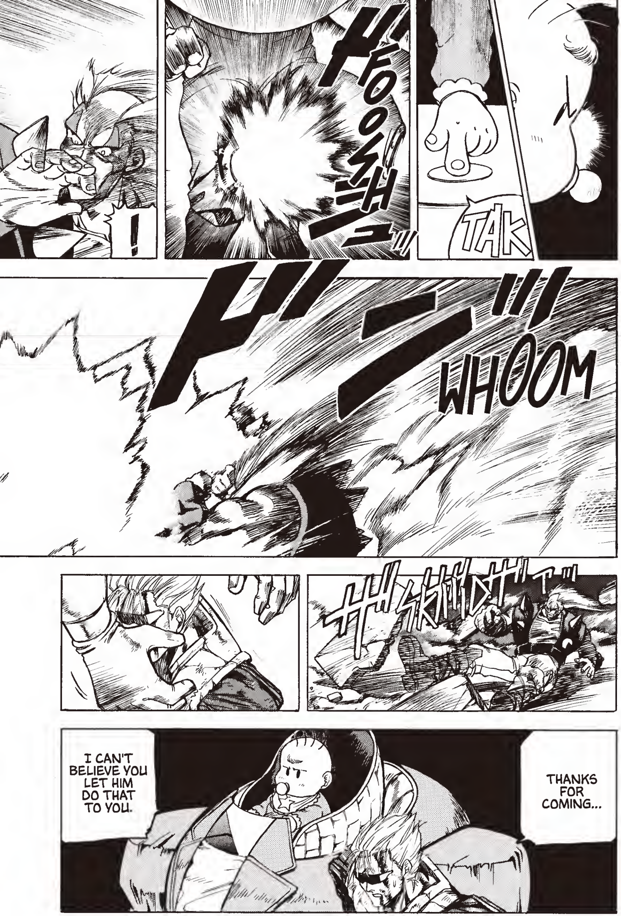
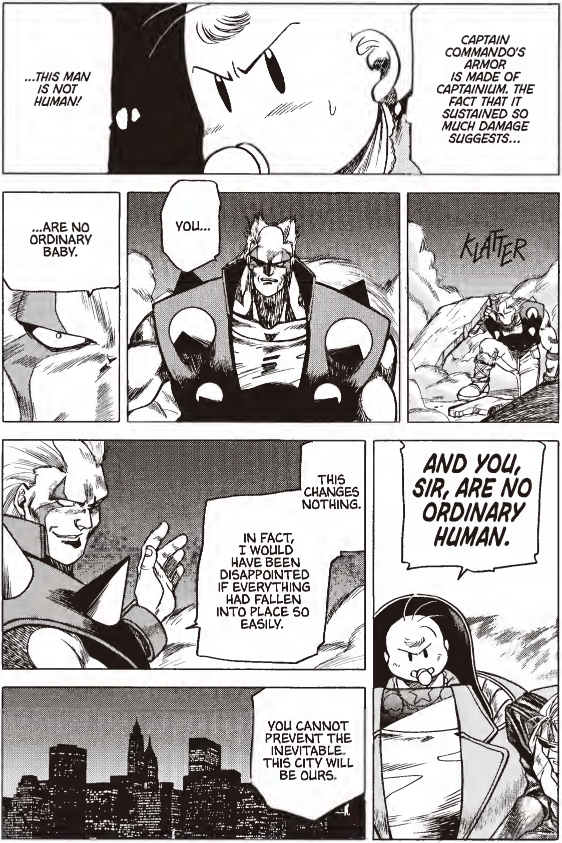
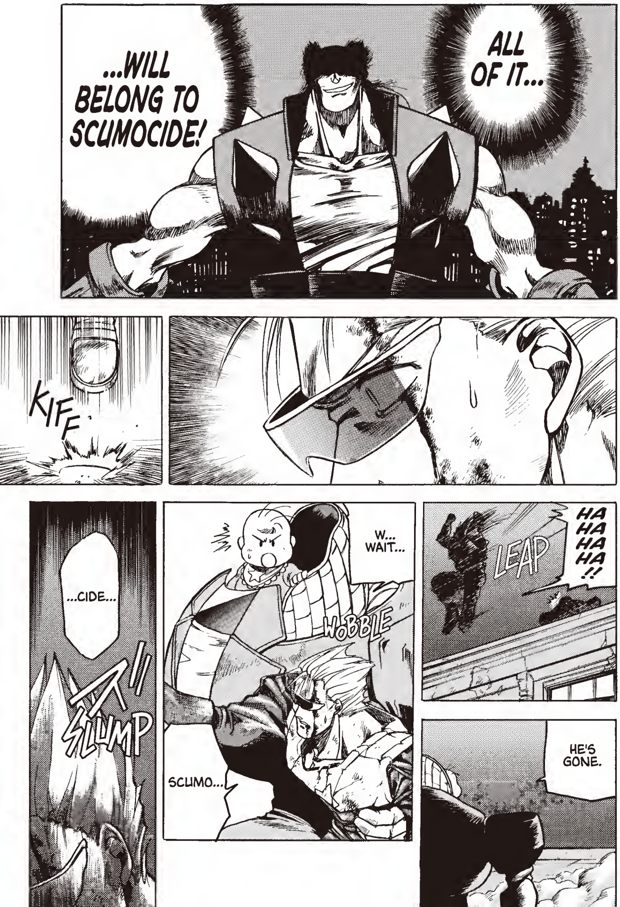


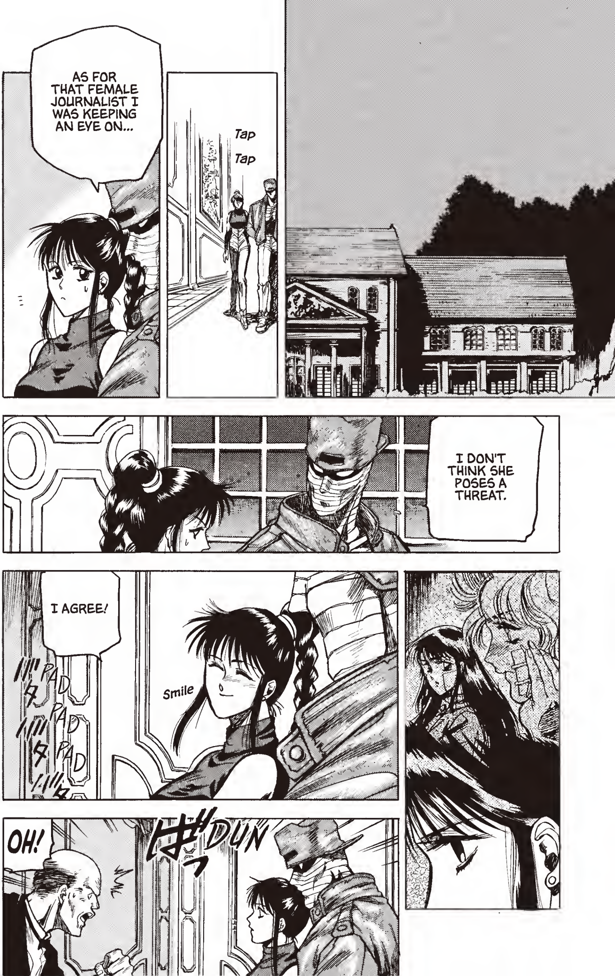


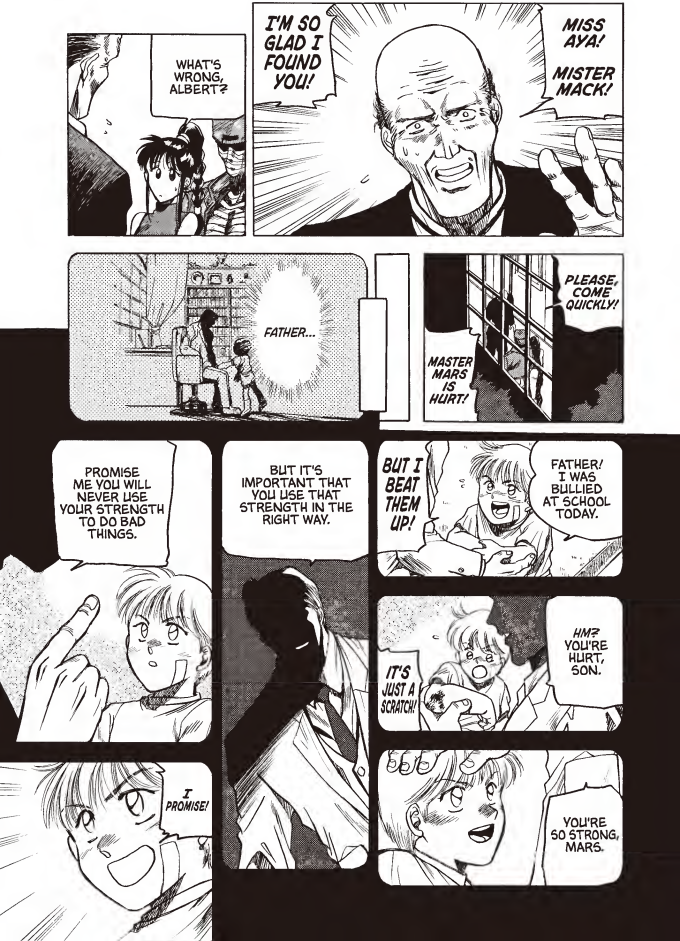

THE ULTIMATE GENIUS OF THE CENTURY, THE SUPER INFANT BABY HEAD!
PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR!!
TA
DA
RAAAHH!!
RUSH

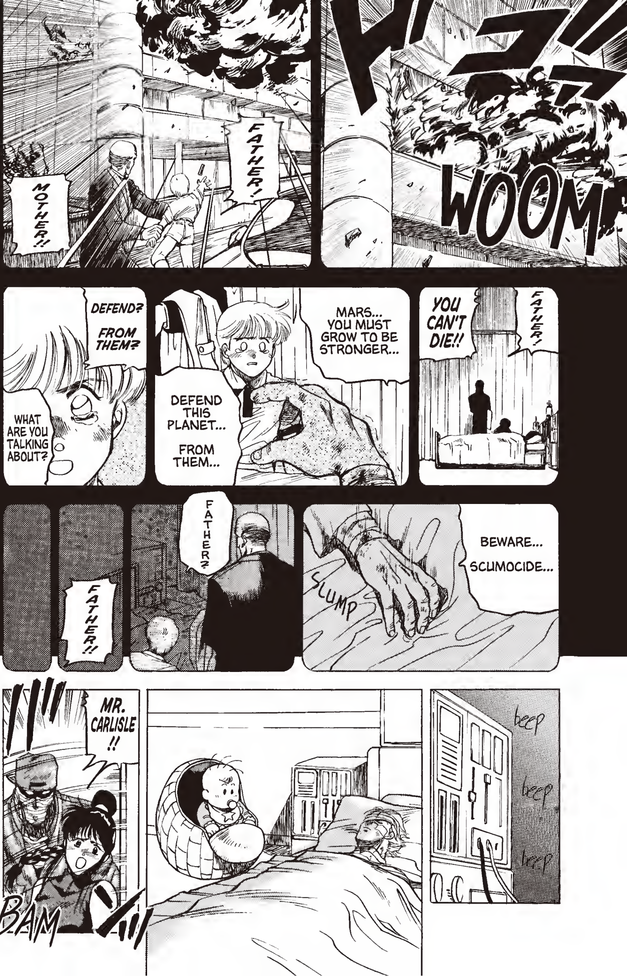

TAK
FOOOSH
!
WHOOM
SKIDD
THANKS FOR COMING...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LET HIM DO THAT TO YOU.

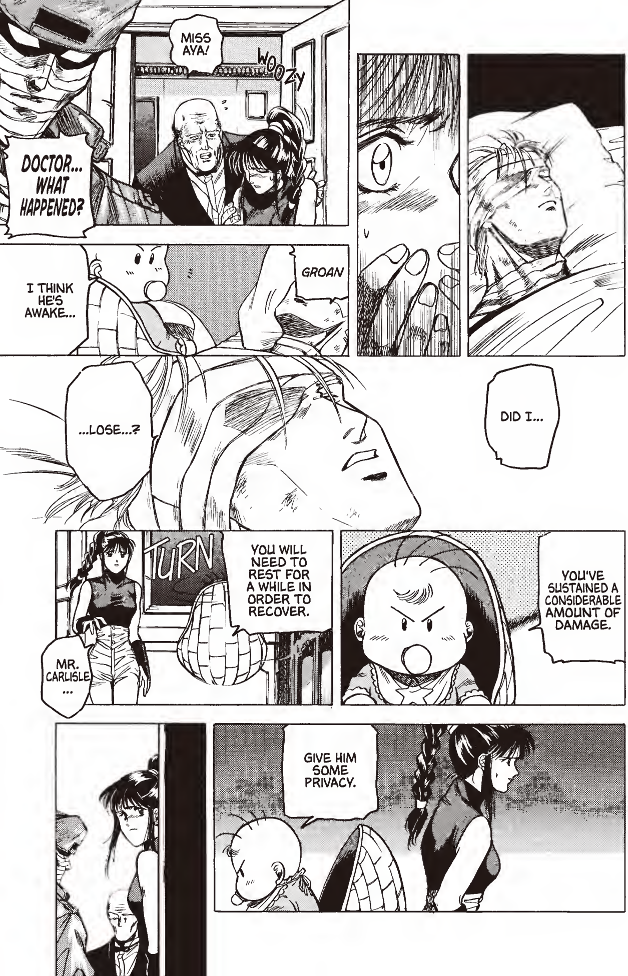

CAPTAIN COMMANDO'S ARMOR IS MADE OF CAPTAINIUM. THE FACT THAT IT SUSTAINED SO MUCH DAMAGE SUGGESTS...
...THIS MAN IS NOT HUMAN!
KLATTER
YOU...
...ARE NO ORDINARY BABY.
AND YOU, SIR, ARE NO ORDINARY HUMAN.
THIS CHANGES NOTHING.
IN FACT, I WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED IF EVERYTHING HAD FALLEN INTO PLACE SO EASILY.
YOU CANNOT PREVENT THE INEVITABLE. THIS CITY WILL BE OURS.

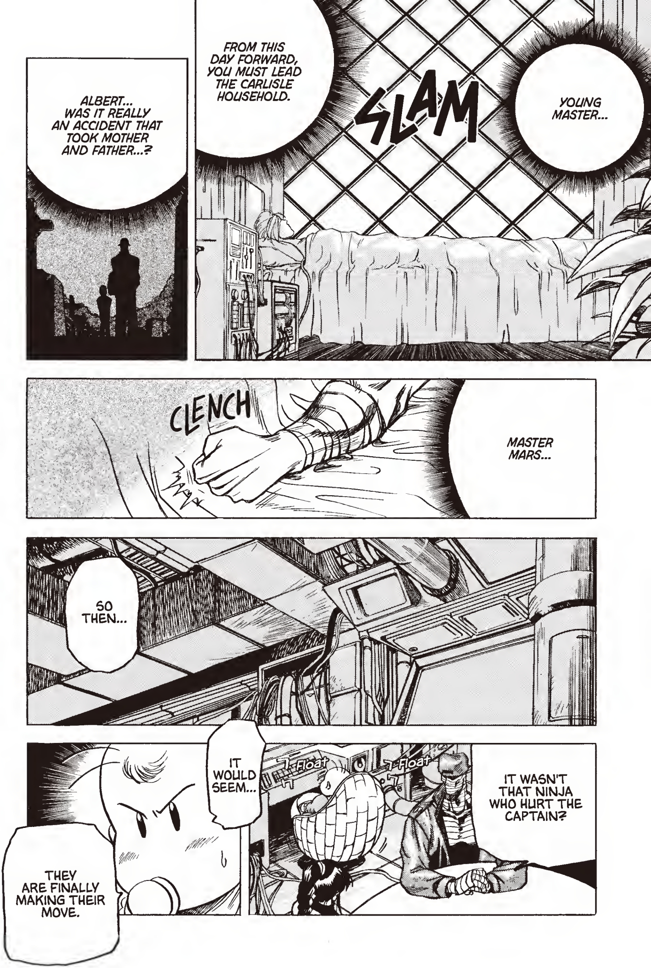

ALL OF IT...
...WILL BELONG TO SCUMOCIDE!
KIFF
HA HA HA HA!!
LEAP
HE'S GONE.
W... WAIT...
WOBBLE
SCUMO...
...CIDE...
SLUMP

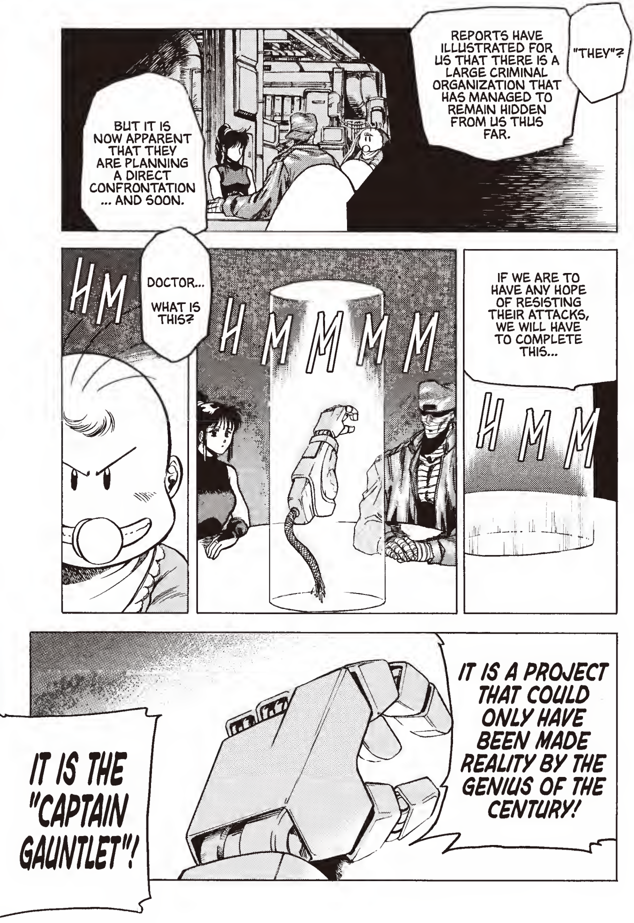

Tap
Tap
AS FOR THAT FEMALE JOURNALIST I WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON...
I DON'T THINK SHE POSES A THREAT.
I AGREE!
Smile
PAD PAD PAD
DUN
OH!

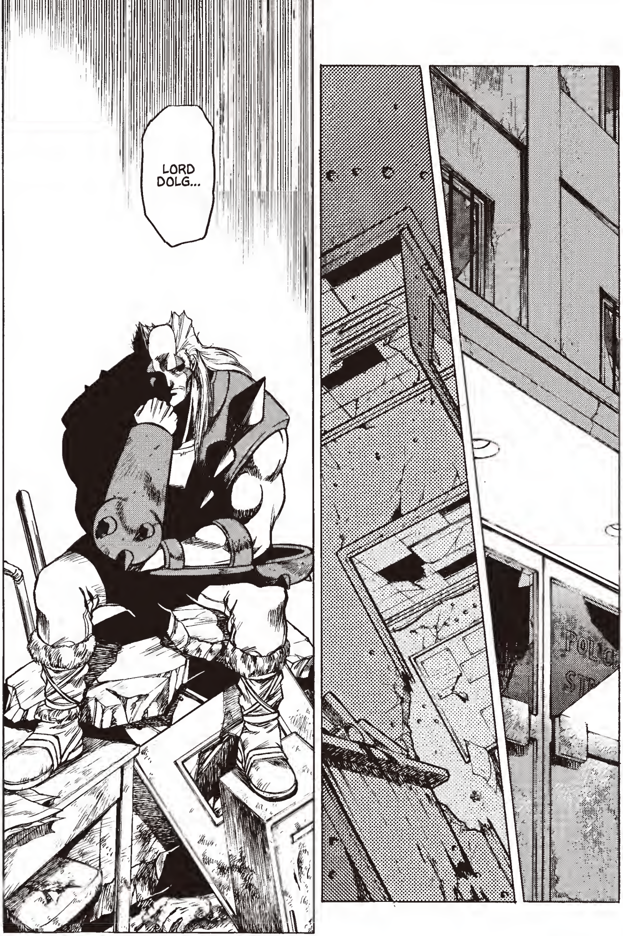

MISS AYA! MISTER MACK!
I'M SO GLAD I FOUND YOU!
WHAT'S WRONG, ALBERT?
PLEASE, COME QUICKLY!
MASTER MARS IS HURT!
FATHER...
FATHER! I WAS BULLIED AT SCHOOL TODAY.
BUT I BEAT THEM UP!
HM? YOU'RE HURT, SON.
IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!
YOU'RE SO STRONG, MARS.
BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU USE THAT STRENGTH IN THE RIGHT WAY.
PROMISE ME YOU WILL NEVER USE YOUR STRENGTH TO DO BAD THINGS.
I PROMISE!

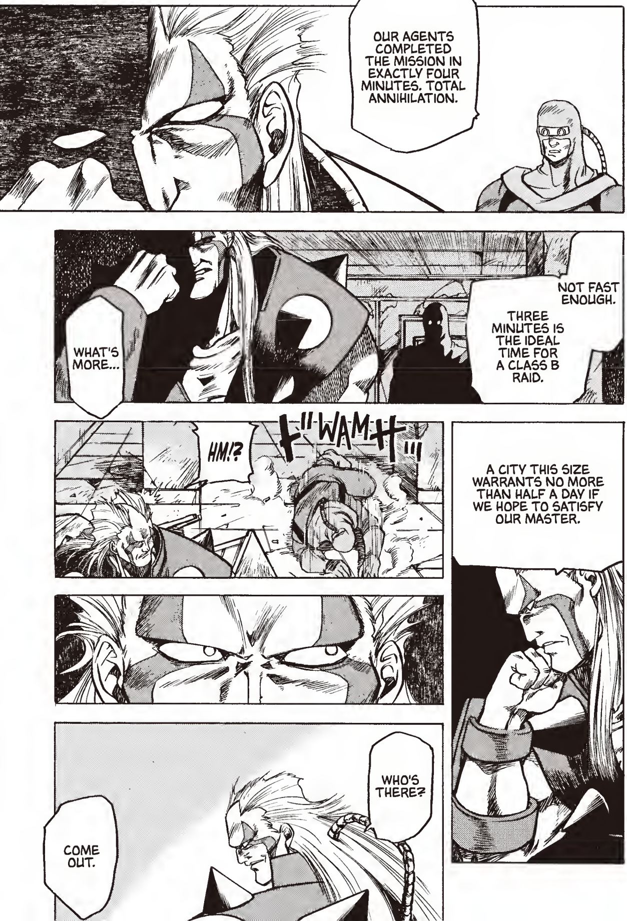

WOOM
FATHER!
MOTHER!!
FATHER!
YOU CAN'T DIE!!
MARS... YOU MUST GROW TO BE STRONGER...
DEFEND THIS PLANET... FROM THEM...
DEFEND? FROM THEM?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BEWARE... SCUMOCIDE...
SLUMP
FATHER?
FATHER!!
beep
beep
beep
MR. CARLISLE!!
BAM

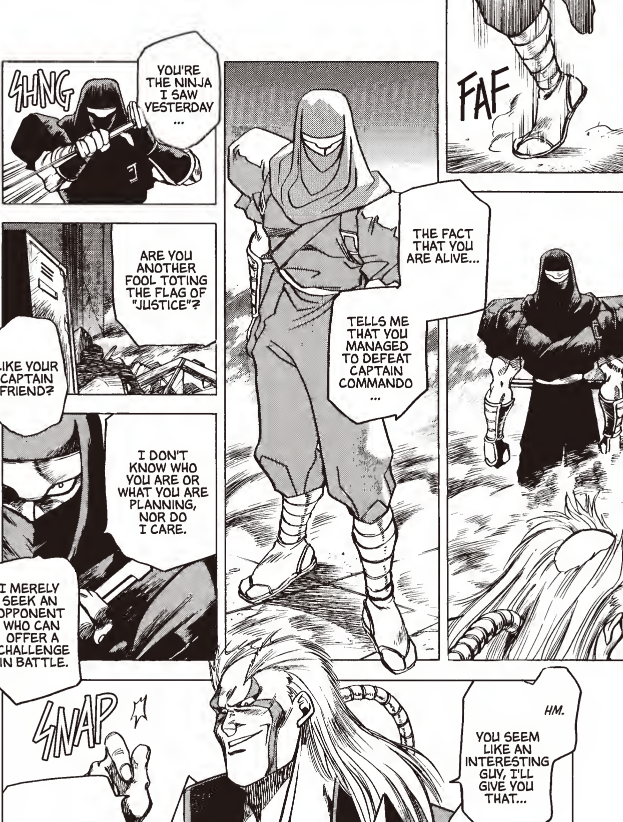

DOCTOR... WHAT HAPPENED?
MISS AYA!
WOOZY
I THINK HE'S AWAKE...
GROAN
DID I...
...LOSE...?
YOU'VE SUSTAINED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE.
YOU WILL NEED TO REST FOR A WHILE IN ORDER TO RECOVER.
TURN
MR. CARLISLE...
GIVE HIM SOME PRIVACY.

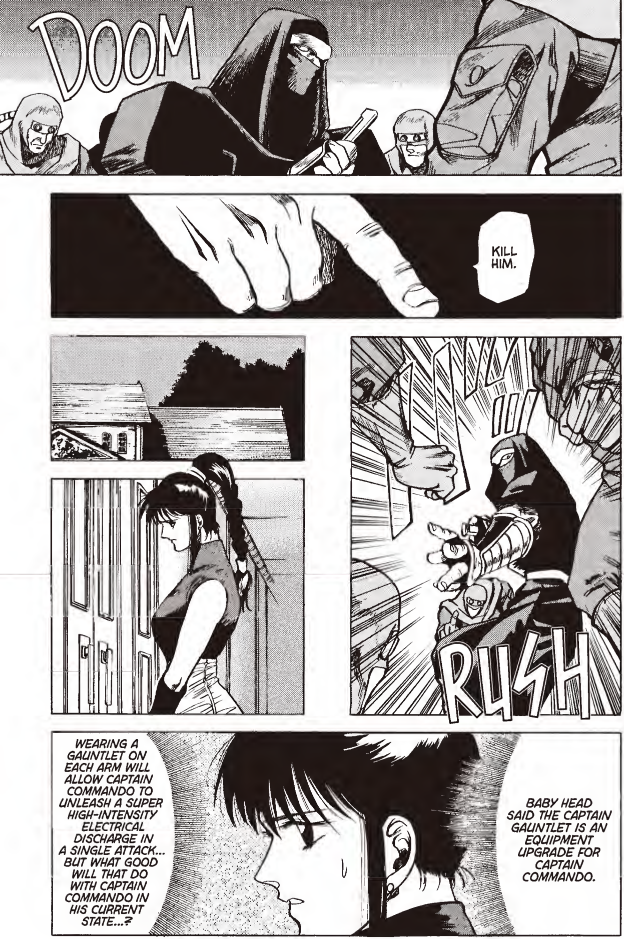

YOUNG MASTER...
SLAM
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, YOU MUST LEAD THE CARLISLE HOUSEHOLD.
ALBERT... WAS IT REALLY AN ACCIDENT THAT TOOK MOTHER AND FATHER...?
MASTER MARS...
CLENCH
SO THEN...
IT WASN'T THAT NINJA WHO HURT THE CAPTAIN?
Float
Float
IT WOULD SEEM...
THEY ARE FINALLY MAKING THEIR MOVE.

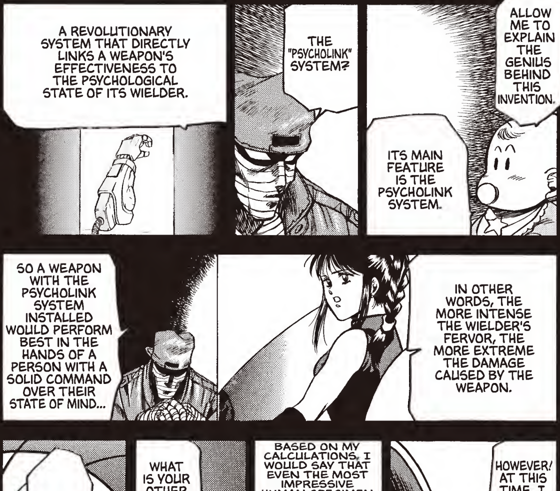

REPORTS HAVE ILLUSTRATED FOR US THAT THERE IS A LARGE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION THAT HAS MANAGED TO REMAIN HIDDEN FROM US THUS FAR.
"THEY"?
BUT IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT THEY ARE PLANNING A DIRECT CONFRONTATION ... AND SOON.
IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF RESISTING THEIR ATTACKS, WE WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE THIS...
HMM
HMMMMM
DOCTOR... WHAT IS THIS?
HM
IT IS A PROJECT THAT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN MADE REALITY BY THE GENIUS OF THE CENTURY!
IT IS THE "CAPTAIN GAUNTLET"!

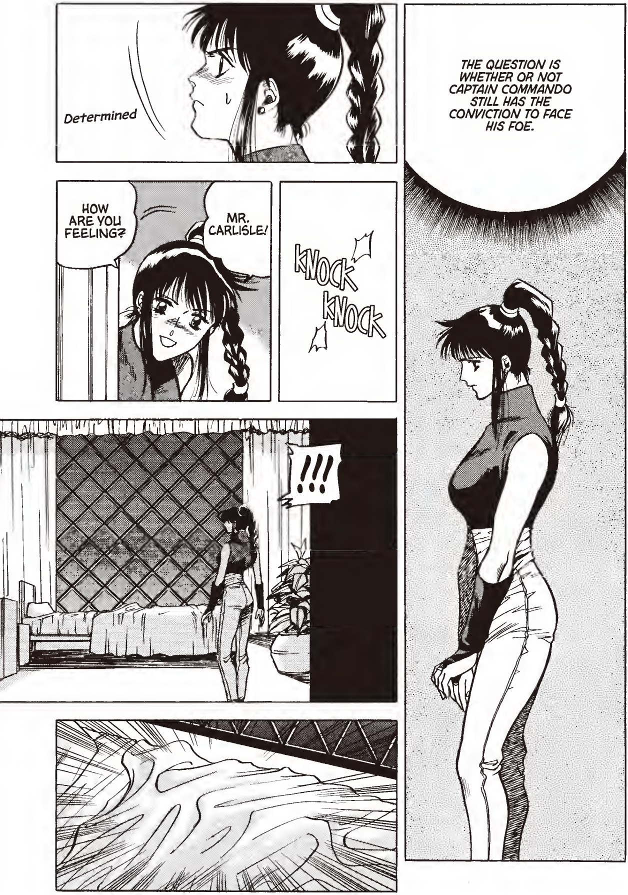

LORD DOLG...
POLIC
STR

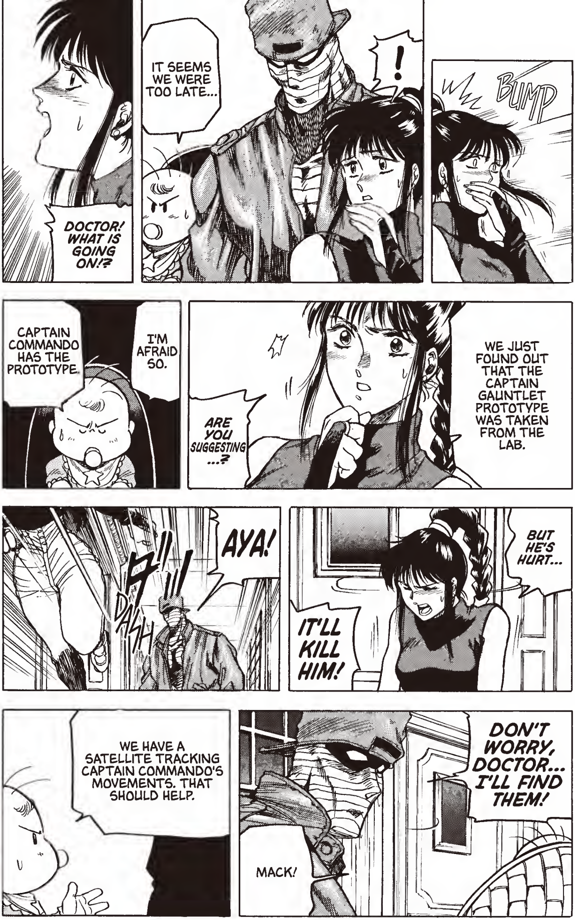

OUR AGENTS COMPLETED THE MISSION IN EXACTLY FOUR MINUTES. TOTAL ANNIHILATION.
NOT FAST ENOUGH.
THREE MINUTES IS THE IDEAL TIME FOR A CLASS B RAID.
WHAT'S MORE...
A CITY THIS SIZE WARRANTS NO MORE THAN HALF A DAY IF WE HOPE TO SATISFY OUR MASTER.
HM!?
F"WAMF!!!
WHO'S THERE?
COME OUT.

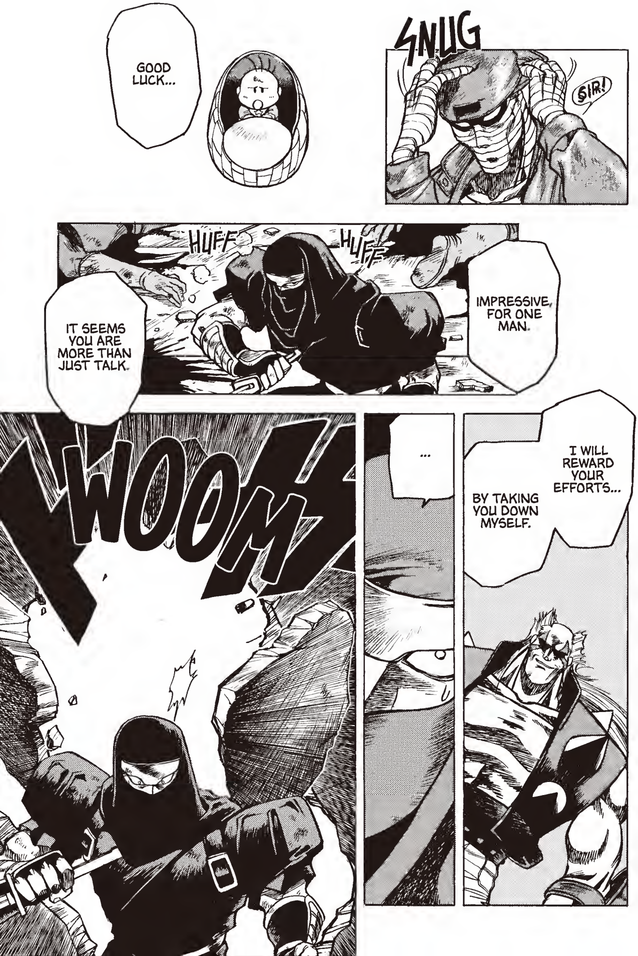

FAF
THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ALIVE...
TELLS ME THAT YOU MANAGED TO DEFEAT CAPTAIN COMMANDO ...
SHNG
YOU'RE THE NINJA I SAW YESTERDAY ...
ARE YOU ANOTHER FOOL TOTING THE FLAG OF "JUSTICE"?
LIKE YOUR CAPTAIN FRIEND?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING, NOR DO I CARE.
I MERELY SEEK AN OPPONENT WHO CAN OFFER A CHALLENGE IN BATTLE.
HM.
YOU SEEM LIKE AN INTERESTING GUY, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT...
SNAP
BUT I'M A VERY BUSY MAN.

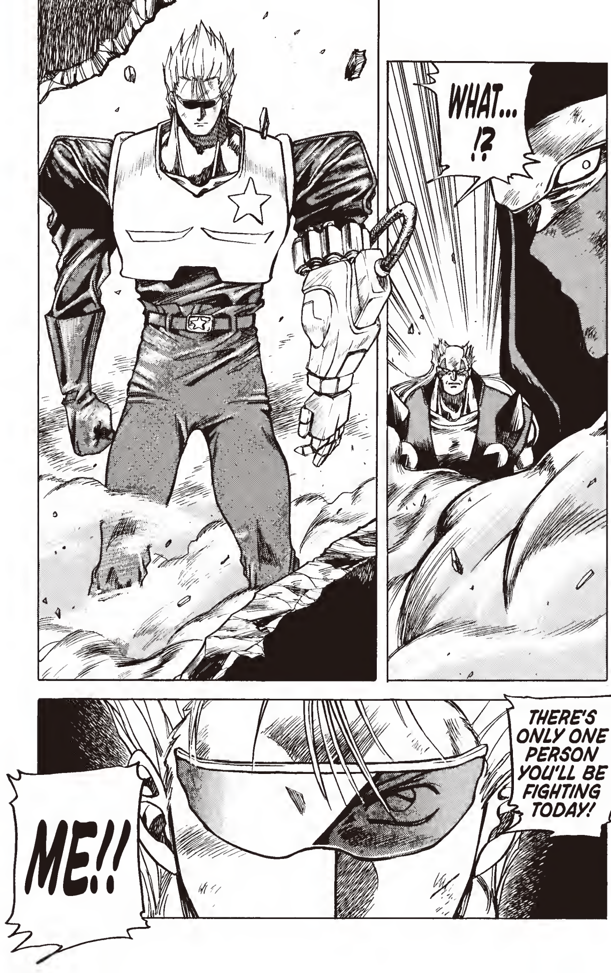

DOOM
KILL HIM.
RUSH
BABY HEAD SAID THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET IS AN EQUIPMENT UPGRADE FOR CAPTAIN COMMANDO.
WEARING A GAUNTLET ON EACH ARM WILL ALLOW CAPTAIN COMMANDO TO UNLEASH A SUPER HIGH-INTENSITY ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE IN A SINGLE ATTACK... BUT WHAT GOOD WILL THAT DO WITH CAPTAIN COMMANDO IN HIS CURRENT STATE...?

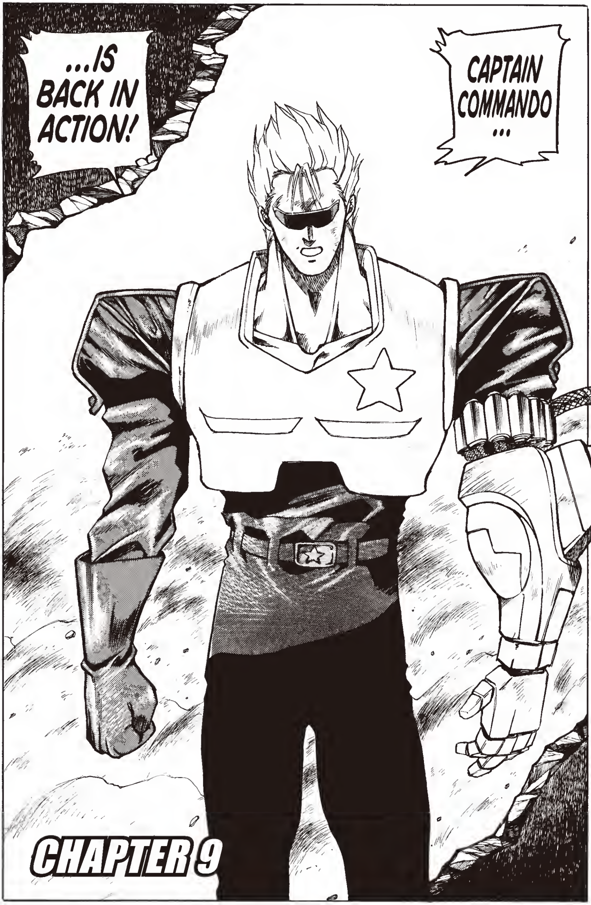

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE GENIUS BEHIND THIS INVENTION.
ITS MAIN FEATURE IS THE PSYCHOLINK SYSTEM.
THE "PSYCHOLINK" SYSTEM?
A REVOLUTIONARY SYSTEM THAT DIRECTLY LINKS A WEAPON'S EFFECTIVENESS TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE OF ITS WIELDER.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE MORE INTENSE THE WIELDER'S FERVOR, THE MORE EXTREME THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE WEAPON.
SO A WEAPON WITH THE PSYCHOLINK SYSTEM INSTALLED WOULD PERFORM BEST IN THE HANDS OF A PERSON WITH A SOLID COMMAND OVER THEIR STATE OF MIND...
HOWEVER! AT THIS TIME, I SEE TWO PROBLEMS WITH THE GAUNTLET.
IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR ENERGY REQUIRED TO KEEP THE GAUNTLET FUNCTIONING, AN INTENSE BURST OF MENTAL FOCUS IS REQUIRED TO UNLEASH ITS SPECIAL ATTACK.
BASED ON MY CALCULATIONS, I WOULD SAY THAT EVEN THE MOST IMPRESSIVE HUMAN SPECIMEN COULD ONLY HANDLE ONE SUCH DISCHARGE PER DAY, IF THAT.
WHAT IS YOUR OTHER CONCERN, DOCTOR?
CAPTAIN COMMANDO HIMSELF.


THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT CAPTAIN COMMANDO STILL HAS THE CONVICTION TO FACE HIS FOE.
Determined
KNOCK KNOCK
MR. CARLISLE!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
!!!


BUMP
!
IT SEEMS WE WERE TOO LATE...
DOCTOR! WHAT IS GOING ON!?
WE JUST FOUND OUT THAT THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET PROTOTYPE WAS TAKEN FROM THE LAB.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING...?
I'M AFRAID SO.
CAPTAIN COMMANDO HAS THE PROTOTYPE.
BUT HE'S HURT...
IT'LL KILL HIM!
AYA!
DASH
MACK!
DON'T WORRY, DOCTOR... I'LL FIND THEM!
WE HAVE A SATELLITE TRACKING CAPTAIN COMMANDO'S MOVEMENTS. THAT SHOULD HELP.

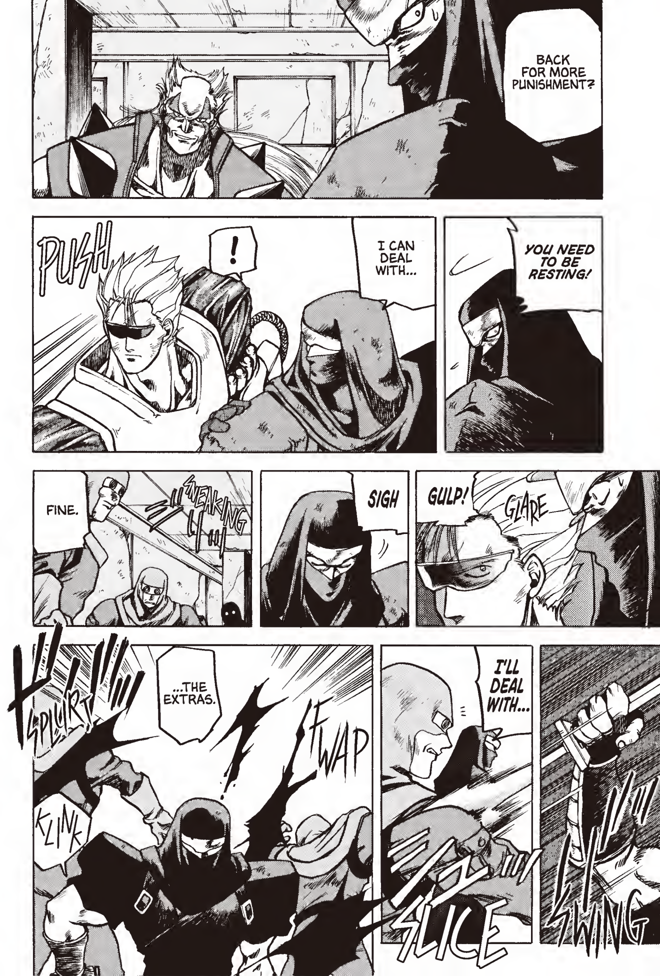

SNUG
SIR!
GOOD LUCK...
HUFF HUFF
IMPRESSIVE FOR ONE MAN.
IT SEEMS YOU ARE MORE THAN JUST TALK.
I WILL REWARD YOUR EFFORTS...
BY TAKING YOU DOWN MYSELF.
...
WOOM

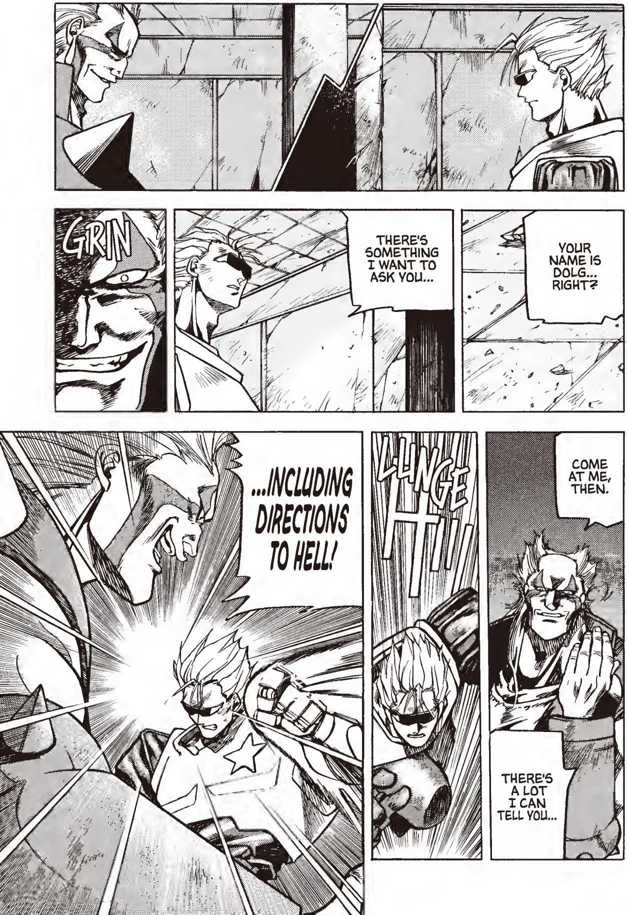

WHAT... !?
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON YOU'LL BE FIGHTING TODAY!
ME!!

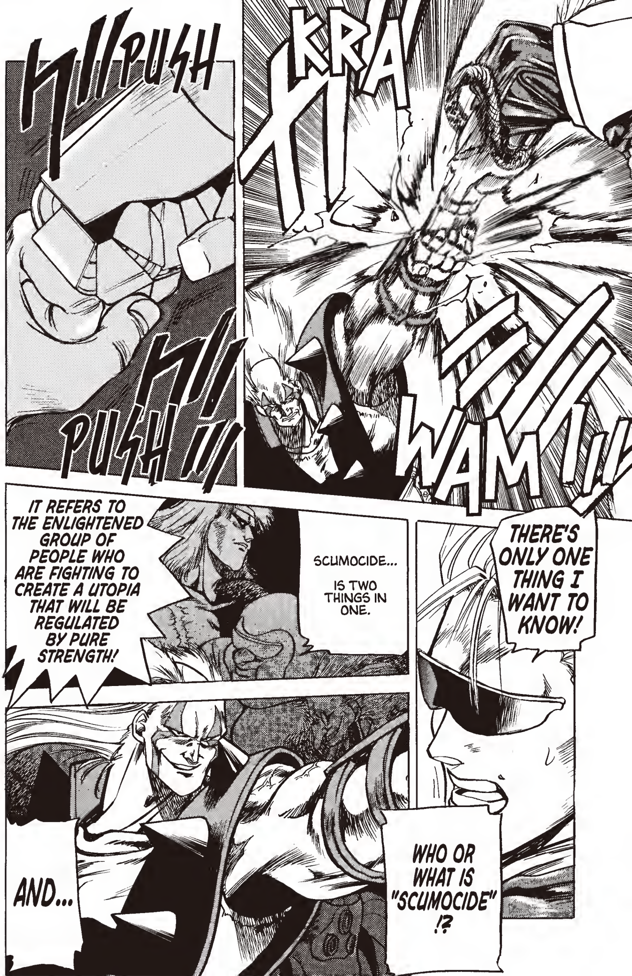


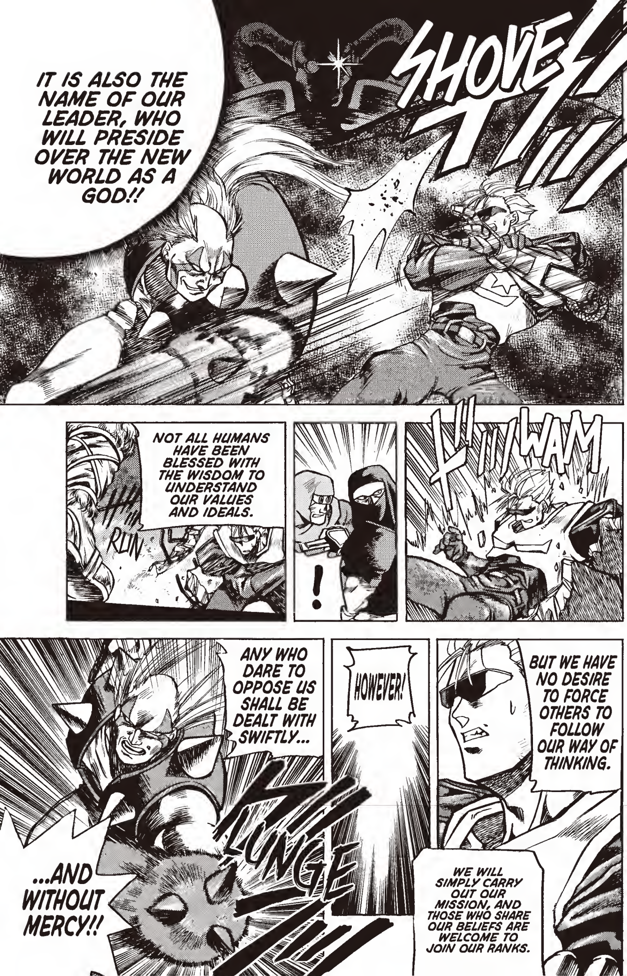
CHAPTER 9

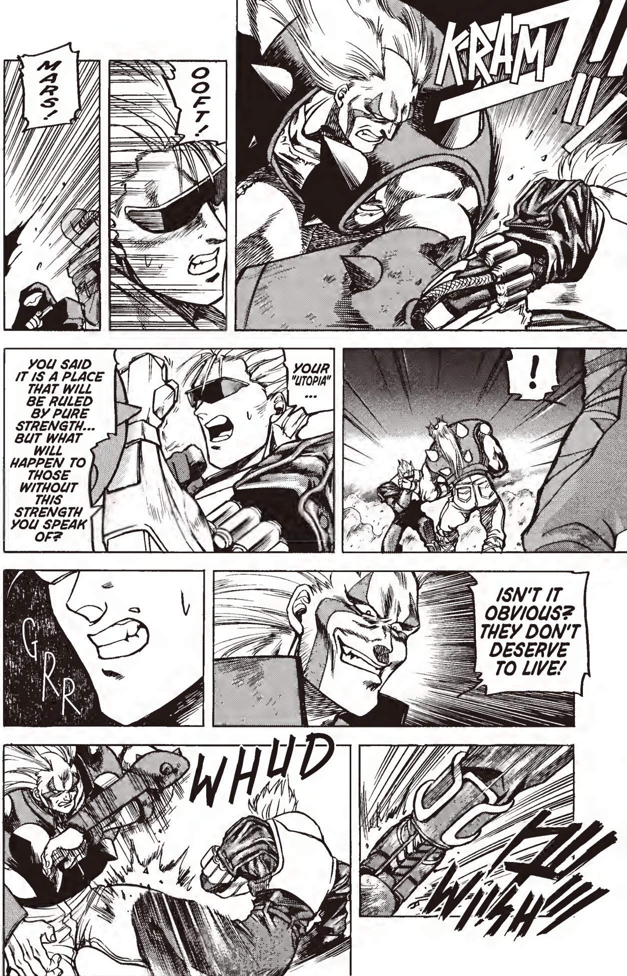
CAPTAIN COMMANDO ...
...IS BACK IN ACTION!

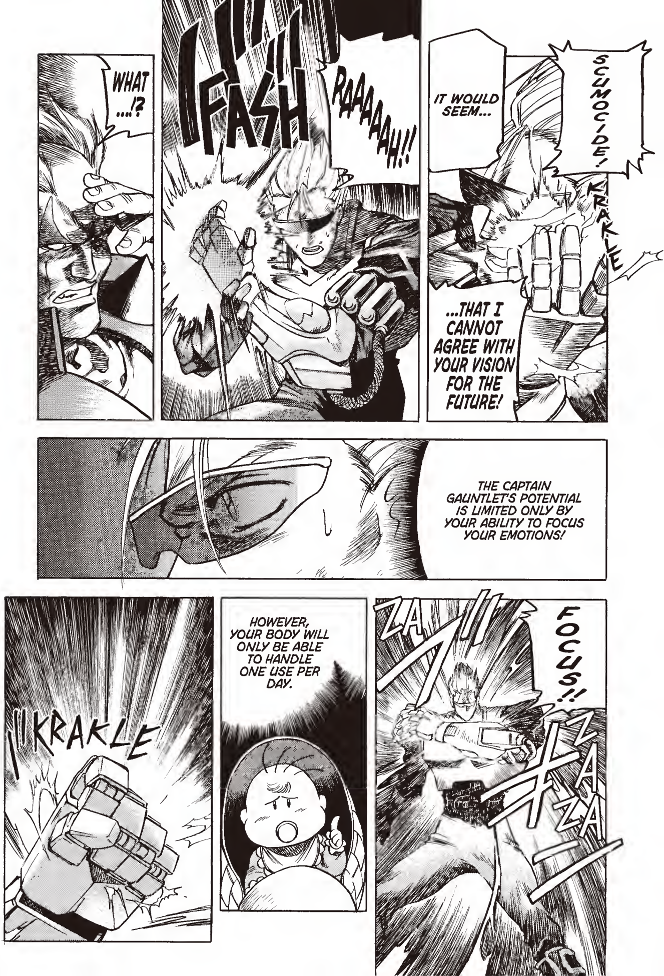

BACK FOR MORE PUNISHMENT?
YOU NEED TO BE RESTING!
I CAN DEAL WITH...
!
PUSH
GULP!
GLARE
SIGH
FINE.
SNEAKING
SWING
I'LL DEAL WITH...
SLICE
...THE EXTRAS.
FWAP
SPLURT
KLINK

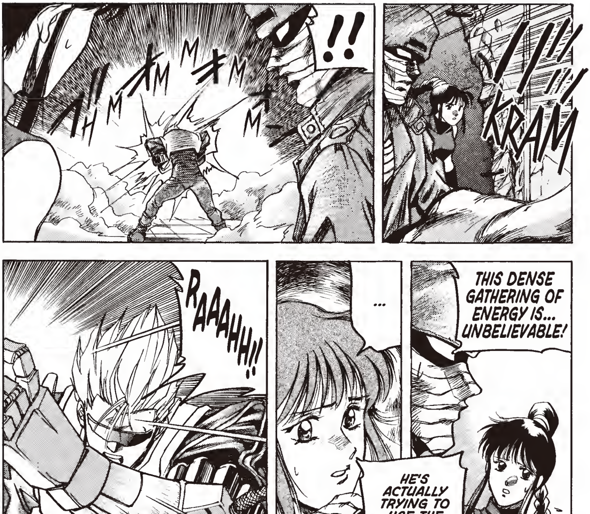

YOUR NAME IS DOLG... RIGHT?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU...
GRIN
COME AT ME, THEN.
THERE'S A LOT I CAN TELL YOU...
LUNGE
...INCLUDING DIRECTIONS TO HELL!

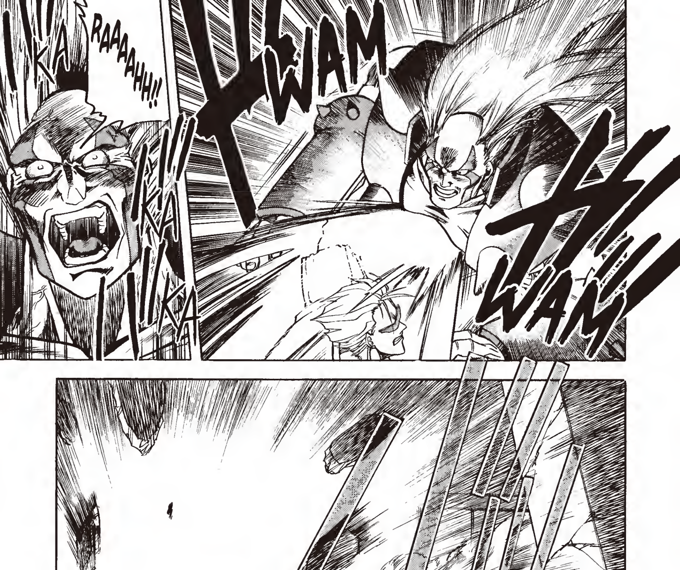

KRA
WAM!!!
PUSH
PUSH!!!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT TO KNOW!
WHO OR WHAT IS "SCUMOCIDE"!?
SCUMOCIDE...
IS TWO THINGS IN ONE.
IT REFERS TO THE ENLIGHTENED GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FIGHTING TO CREATE A UTOPIA THAT WILL BE REGULATED BY PURE STRENGTH!
AND...

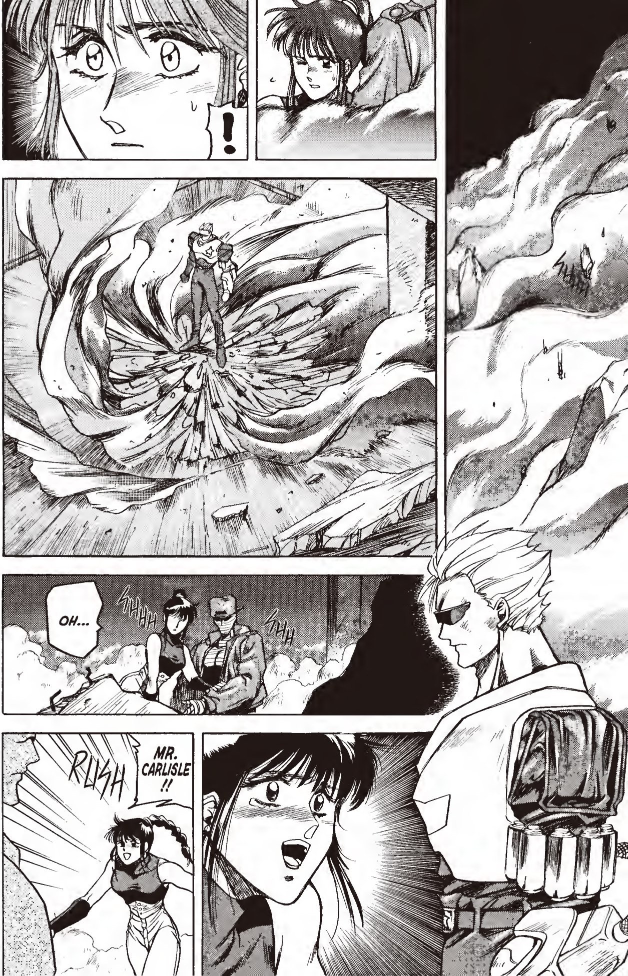

IT IS ALSO THE NAME OF OUR LEADER, WHO WILL PRESIDE OVER THE NEW WORLD AS A GOD!!
SHOVE
NOT ALL HUMANS HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH THE WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND OUR VALUES AND IDEALS.
RUN
!
WAM
ANY WHO DARE TO OPPOSE US SHALL BE DEALT WITH SWIFTLY...
...AND WITHOUT MERCY!!
LUNGE
HOWEVER!
BUT WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO FORCE OTHERS TO FOLLOW OUR WAY OF THINKING.
WE WILL SIMPLY CARRY OUT OUR MISSION, AND THOSE WHO SHARE OUR BELIEFS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR RANKS.

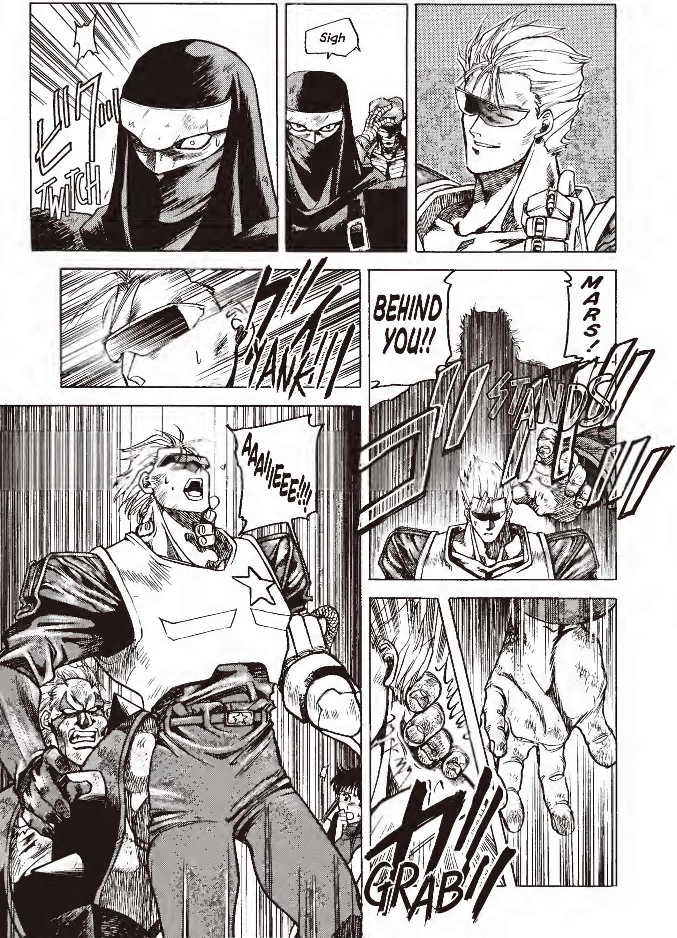

KRAM
OOFT!
MARS!
!
YOUR "UTOPIA"...
YOU SAID IT IS A PLACE THAT WILL BE RULED BY PURE STRENGTH... BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOSE WITHOUT THIS STRENGTH YOU SPEAK OF?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? THEY DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE!
GRR
WHISH
WHUD

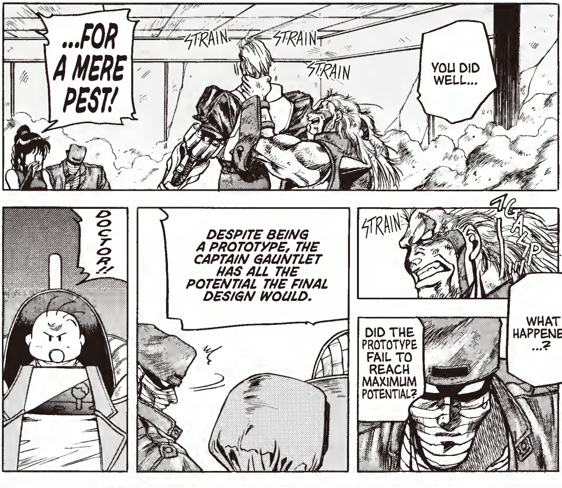

SCUMOCIDE!
IT WOULD SEEM...
KRAKLE
...THAT I CANNOT AGREE WITH YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE!
FASH
RAAAAAAH!!
WHAT ...!?
THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET'S POTENTIAL IS LIMITED ONLY BY YOUR ABILITY TO FOCUS YOUR EMOTIONS!
ZA
FOCUS!!
ZA ZA ZA
HOWEVER, YOUR BODY WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO HANDLE ONE USE PER DAY.
KRAKLE

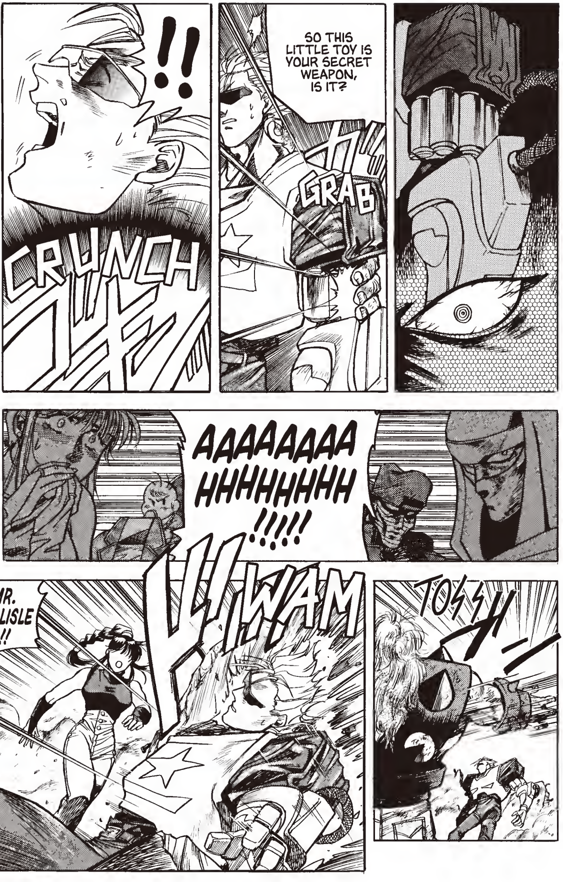

AHMMMMMMM
!!
KRAM
RAAAHH!!
...
THIS DENSE GATHERING OF ENERGY IS... UNBELIEVABLE!
HE'S ACTUALLY TRYING TO USE THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET?! EVEN WITH HIS INJURIES!?
HUMMMM
GRR!!
RUSH

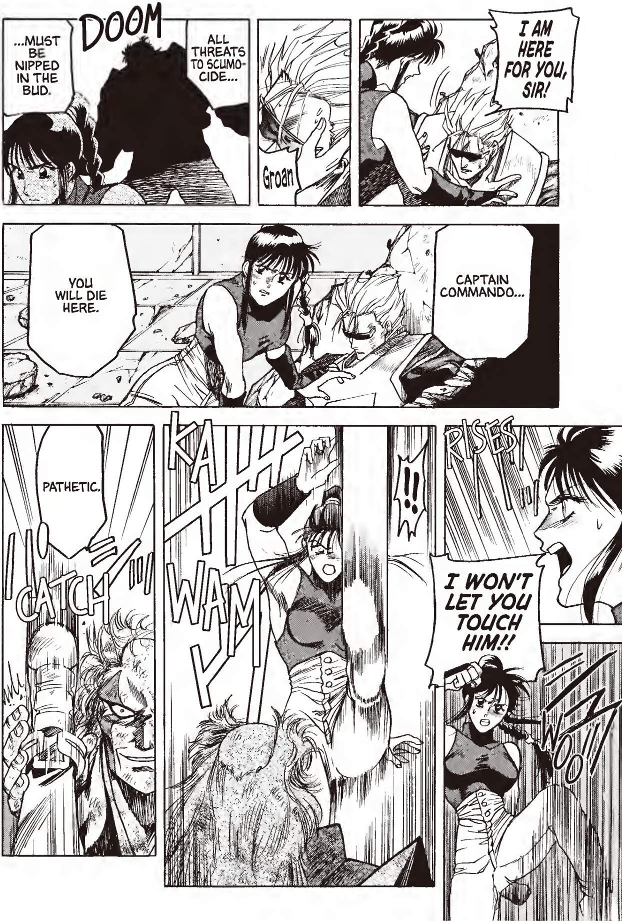

KA RAAAAAHH!!
KA
KA
KA
WAM
WAM
KABOOM
MR. CARLISLE !!

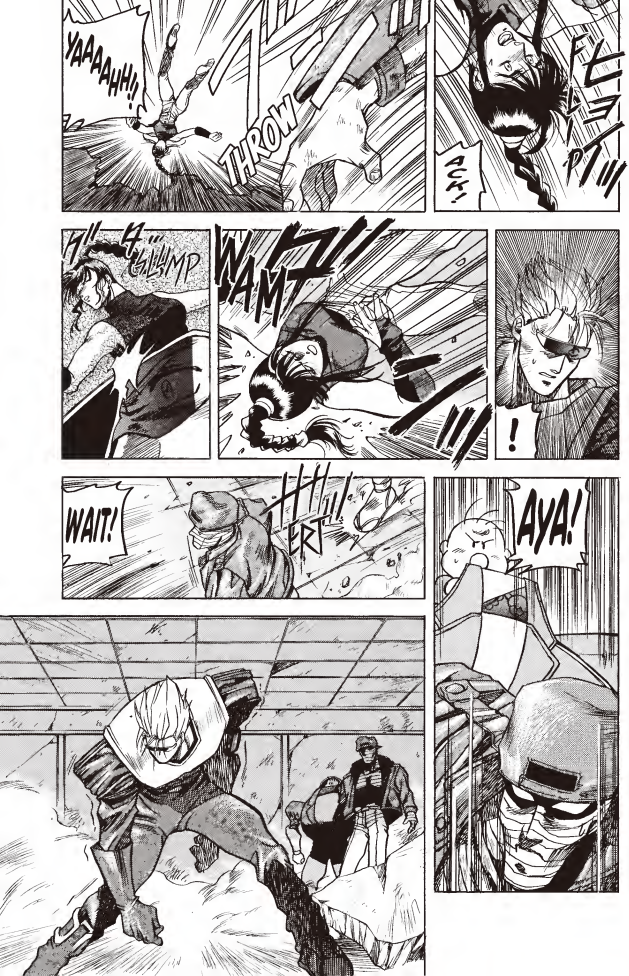

!
SHHH
SHHH
SHH
OH...
MR. CARLISLE !!
RUSH

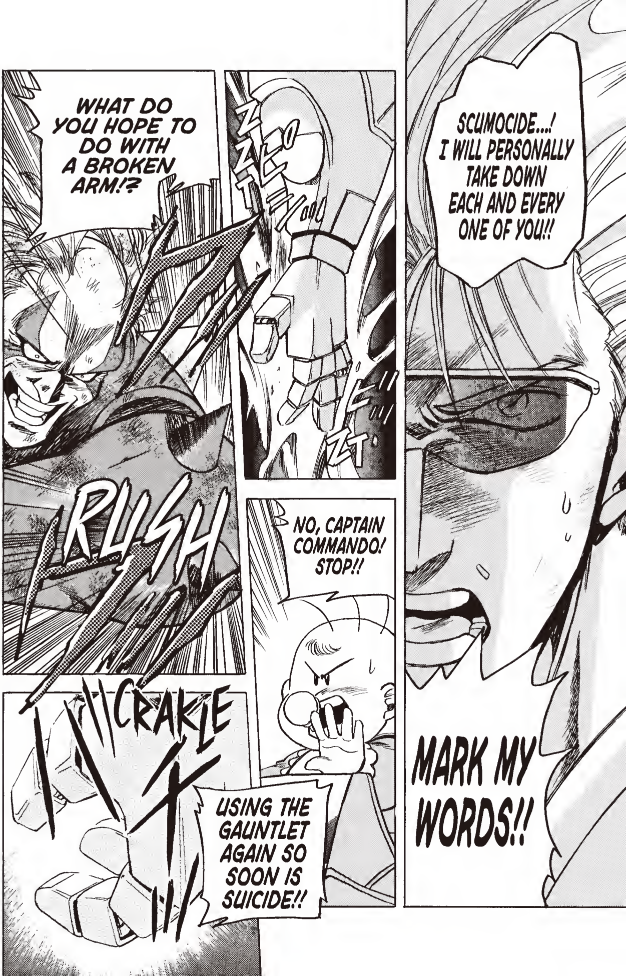

Sigh
ピクッ
TWITCH
MARS!
BEHIND YOU!!
YANK!!
STANDS
GRAB!!
AAAIIIEEE!!!

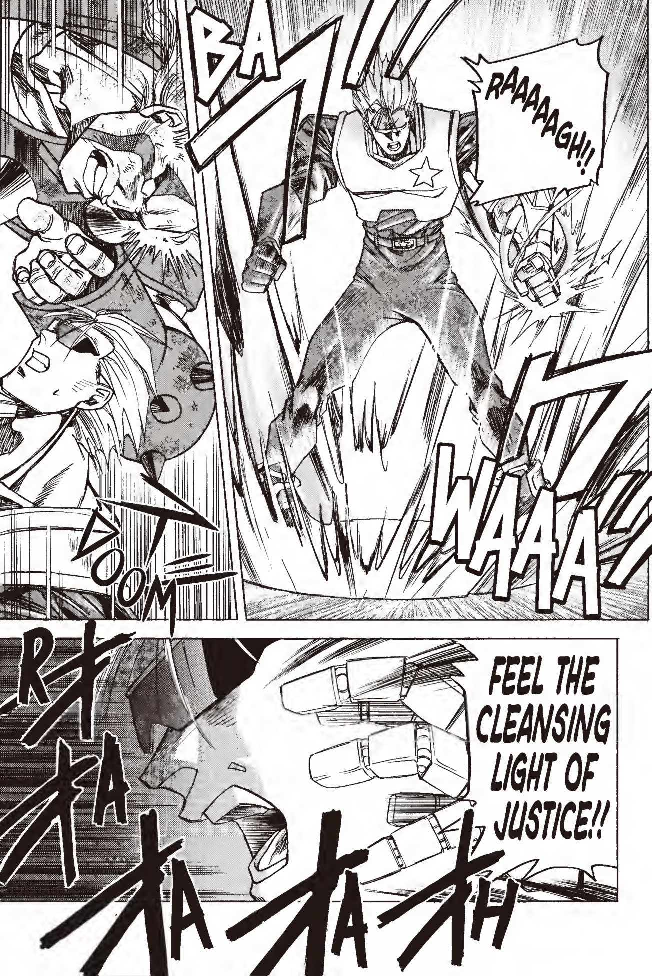

YOU DID WELL...
STRAIN
STRAIN
STRAIN
...FOR A MERE PEST!
GAGAAP
STRAIN
WHAT HAPPENED ...?
DID THE PROTOTYPE FAIL TO REACH MAXIMUM POTENTIAL?
DESPITE BEING A PROTOTYPE, THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET HAS ALL THE POTENTIAL THE FINAL DESIGN WOULD.
DOCTOR!!
KLANG
UNFORTUNATELY...
THE PROBLEM WAS WITH CAPTAIN COMMANDO... HE WAS NOT ABLE TO DRAW OUT THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET'S FULL POWER.
BUT THE PSYCHOLINK SYSTEM... DOES THAT MEAN...
KLANG
CAPTAIN COMMANDO DIDN'T POSSESS THE MENTAL FORTITUDE NECESSARY TO POWER THE GAUNTLET?
NOD

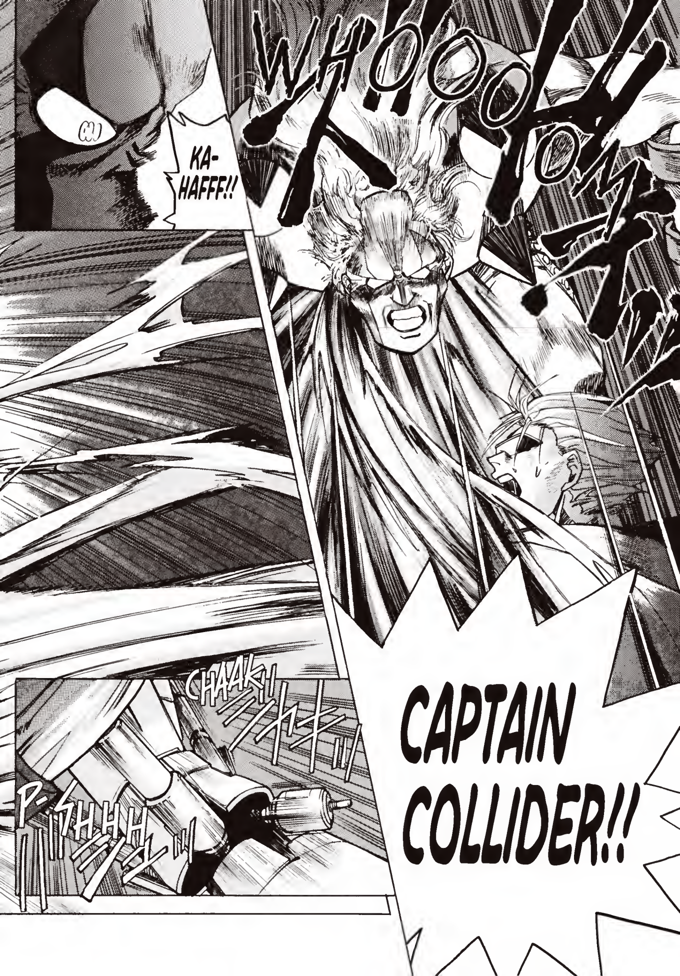

SO THIS LITTLE TOY IS YOUR SECRET WEAPON, IS IT?
ガッ
GRAB
!!
CRUNCH
ゴキッ
AAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH!!!!!
TOSS
WAM
MR. CARLISLE!!

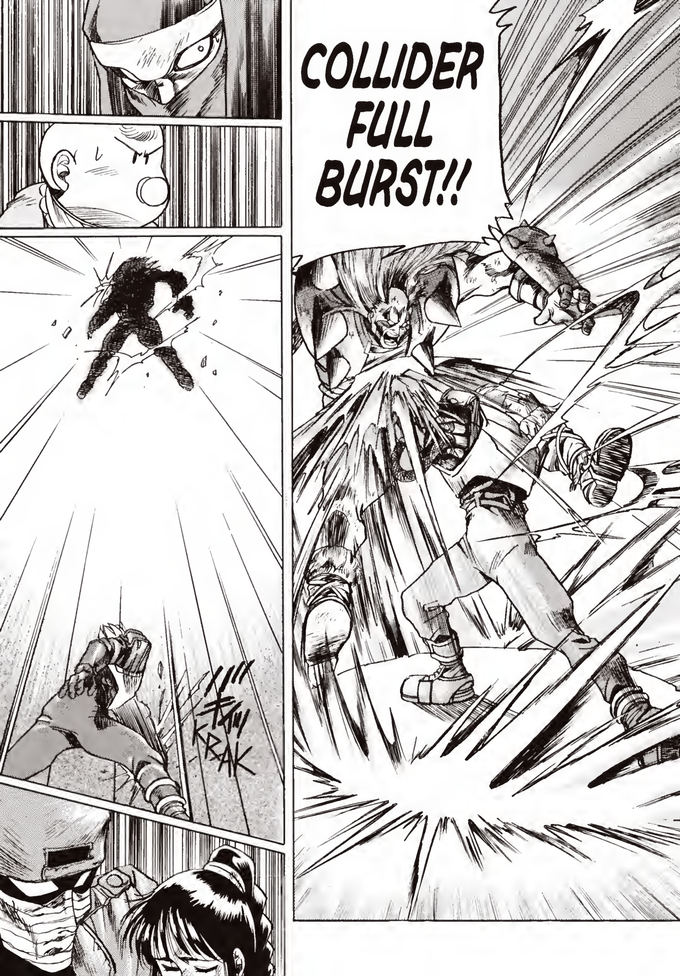

I AM HERE FOR YOU, SIR!
Groan
ALL THREATS TO SCUMOCIDE...
DOOM
...MUST BE NIPPED IN THE BUD.
CAPTAIN COMMANDO...
YOU WILL DIE HERE.
RISES!
I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH HIM!!
WOO!!
!!
KA
WAM
PATHETIC.
CATCH

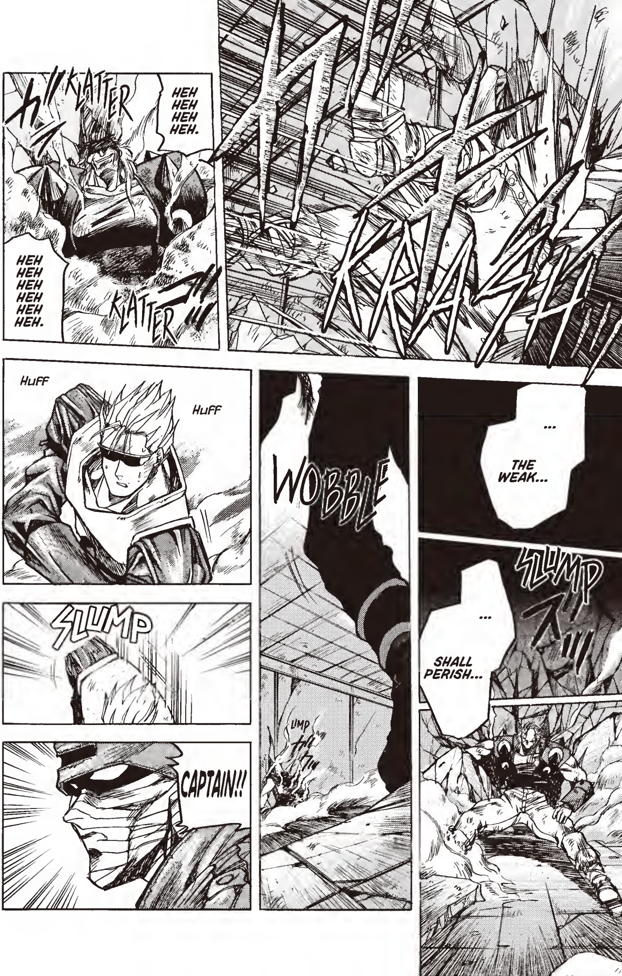

FLIP!!!
ACK!
THROW
YAAAAHH!!
!
WAM!!!
SLUMP
AYA!
WAIT!
ERT!!!

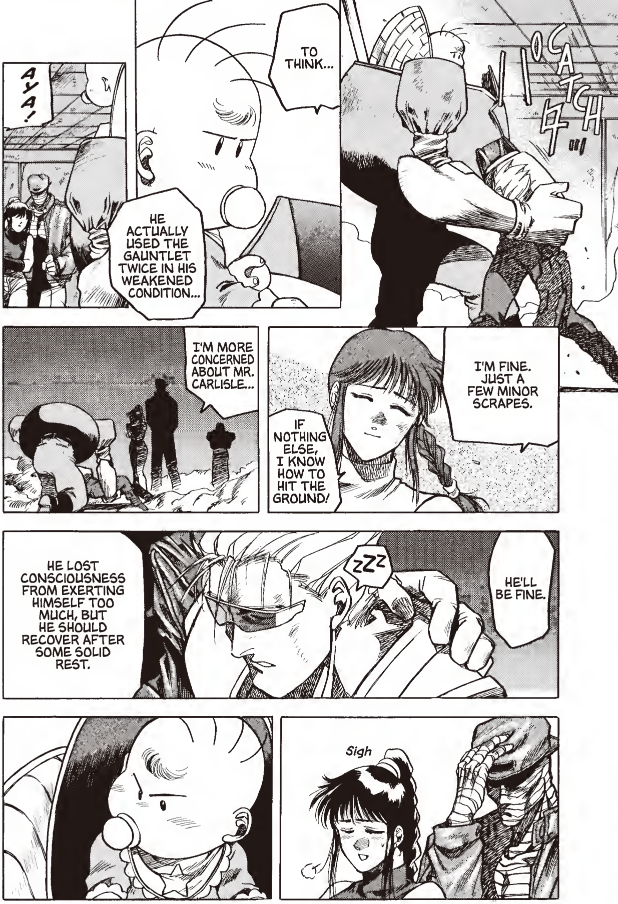

SCUMOCIDE...! I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE DOWN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!!
MARK MY WORDS!!
ZZZT
ZZZT
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO WITH A BROKEN ARM!?
RUSH
NO, CAPTAIN COMMANDO! STOP!!
CRAKLE
USING THE GAUNTLET AGAIN SO SOON IS SUICIDE!!

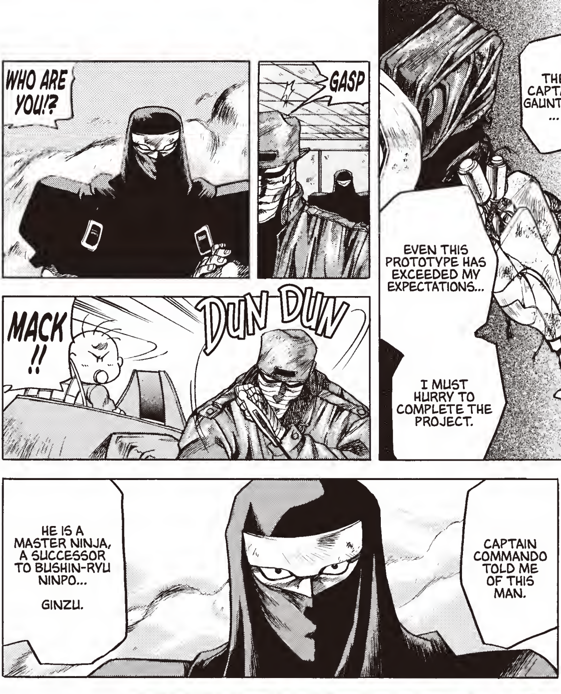

RAAAAAGH!!
BA
WAAA
DOOM
FEEL THE CLEANSING LIGHT OF JUSTICE!!
RAAAAH

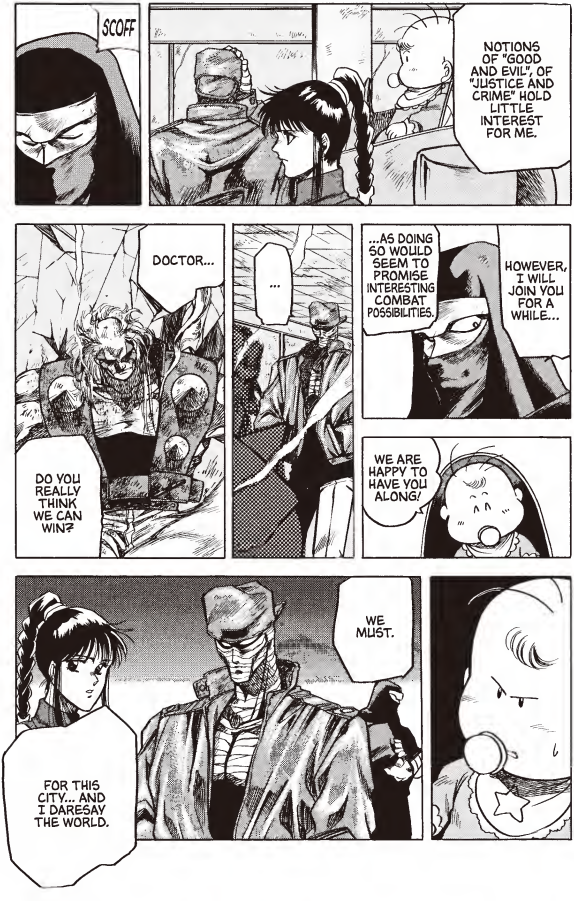

WHOOOOM
KA-HAFFF!!
CAPTAIN COLLIDER!!
CHAAK!
シャキ!!!
P-SHHH

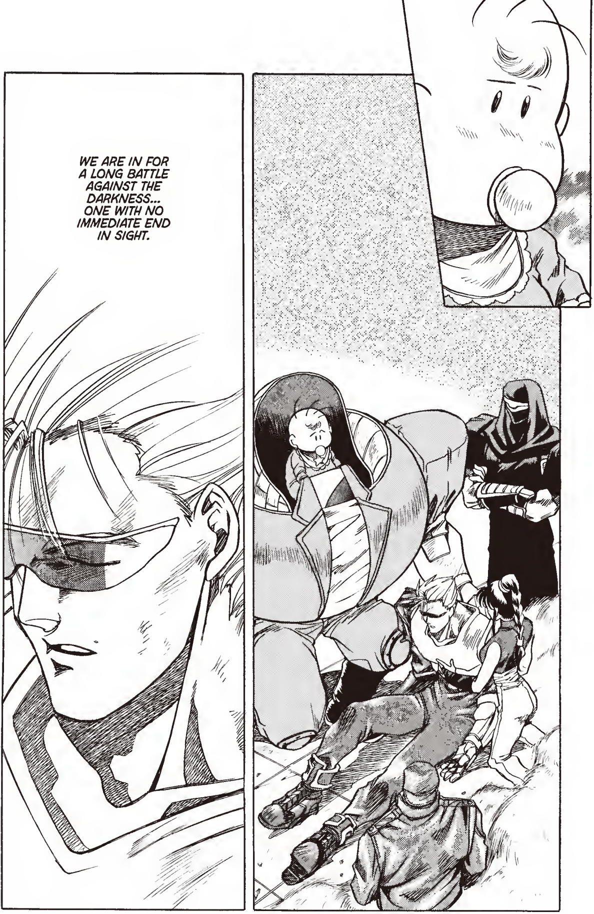

COLLIDER FULL BURST!!
KRAK

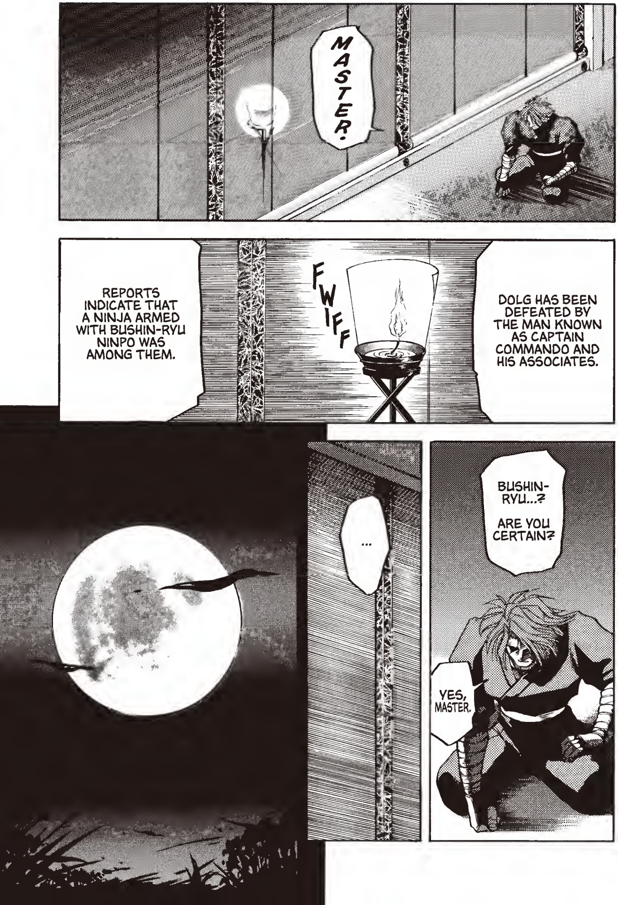

KRASH!!
KLATTER
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.
KLATTER
... THE WEAK...
SLUMP
... SHALL PERISH...
WOBBLE
LIMP
Huff
Huff
SLUMP
CAPTAIN!!

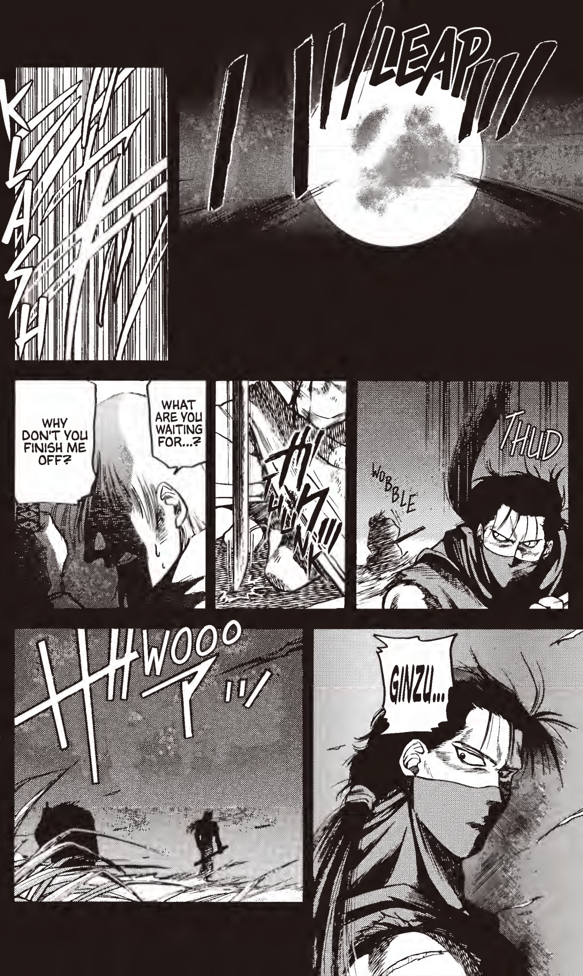

AYA!
TO THINK...
HE ACTUALLY USED THE GAUNTLET TWICE IN HIS WEAKENED CONDITION...
CATCH
I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT MR. CARLISLE...
I'M FINE. JUST A FEW MINOR SCRAPES.
IF NOTHING ELSE, I KNOW HOW TO HIT THE GROUND!
HE'LL BE FINE.
ZZZ
HE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS FROM EXERTING HIMSELF TOO MUCH, BUT HE SHOULD RECOVER AFTER SOME SOLID REST.
Sigh


WHO ARE YOU!?
GASP
MACK !!
DUN DUN
THE CAPTAIN GAUNTLET ...
EVEN THIS PROTOTYPE HAS EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS...
I MUST HURRY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.
HE IS A MASTER NINJA, A SUCCESSOR TO BUSHIN-RYU NINPO...
GINZU.
CAPTAIN COMMANDO TOLD ME OF THIS MAN.
WILL YOU LEND US YOUR AID?
I BESEECH YOU...


SCOFF
NOTIONS OF "GOOD AND EVIL", OF "JUSTICE AND CRIME" HOLD LITTLE INTEREST FOR ME.
DOCTOR...
DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN WIN?
...
HOWEVER, I WILL JOIN YOU FOR A WHILE...
...AS DOING SO WOULD SEEM TO PROMISE INTERESTING COMBAT POSSIBILITIES.
WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ALONG!
WE MUST.
FOR THIS CITY... AND I DARESAY THE WORLD.


WE ARE IN FOR A LONG BATTLE AGAINST THE DARKNESS... ONE WITH NO IMMEDIATE END IN SIGHT.


MASTER.
DOLG HAS BEEN DEFEATED BY THE MAN KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COMMANDO AND HIS ASSOCIATES.
FWIFF
REPORTS INDICATE THAT A NINJA ARMED WITH BUSHIN-RYU NINPO WAS AMONG THEM.
BUSHIN-RYU...? ARE YOU CERTAIN?
YES, MASTER.
...


LEAP
KLASH
THUD
WOBBLE
THUNK!!!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR...?
WHY DON'T YOU FINISH ME OFF?
GINZU...
HHWOOO アッ

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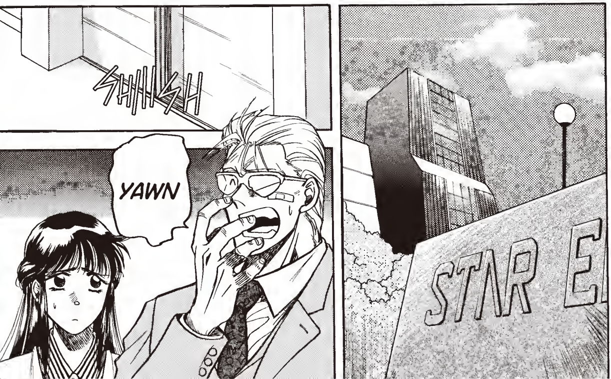
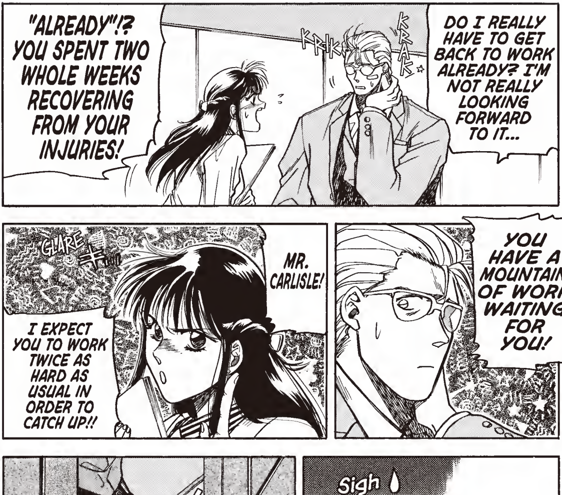
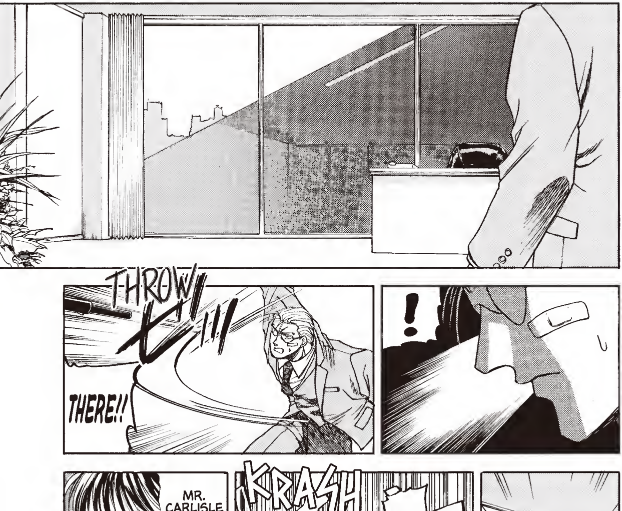
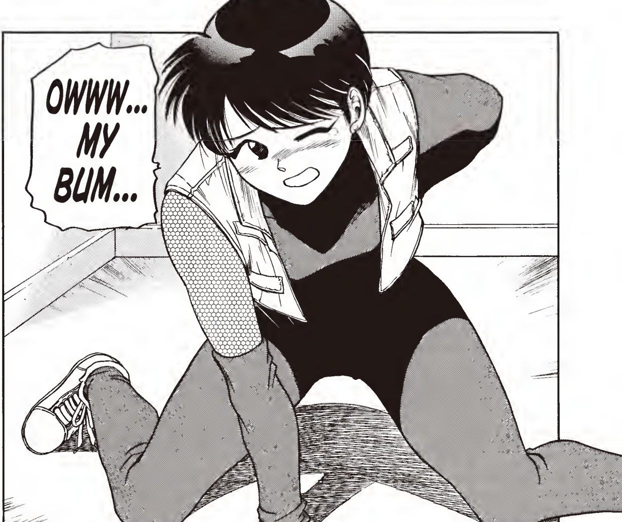
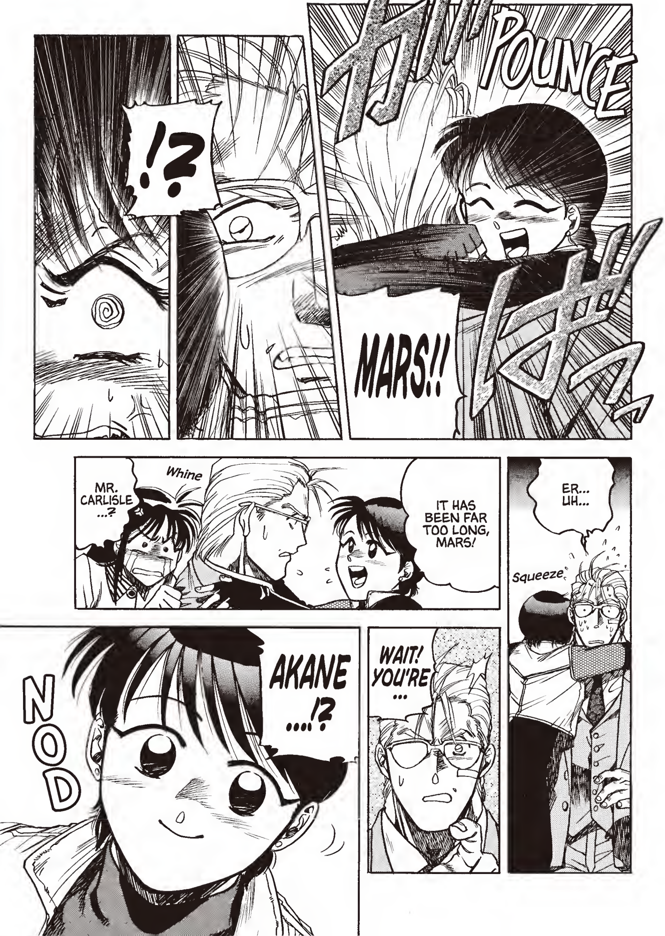
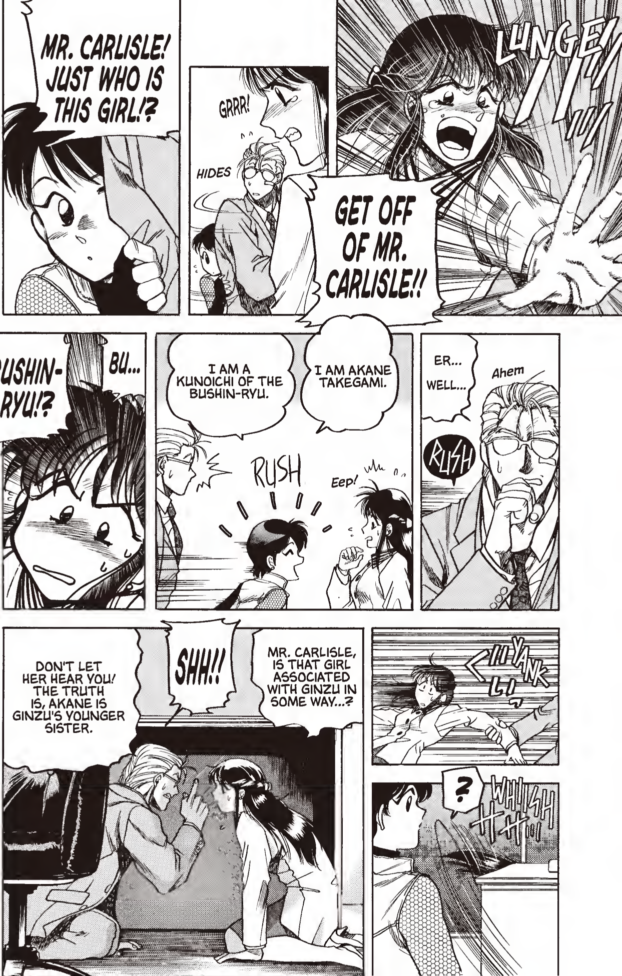

STAR E
SHHHSH
YAWN

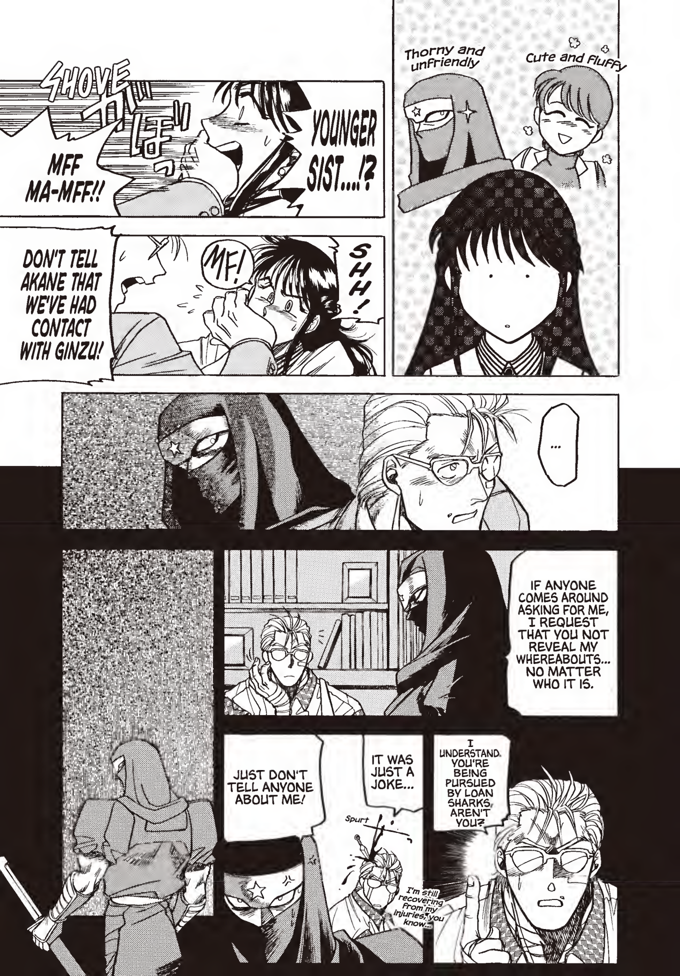

DO I REALLY HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK ALREADY? I'M NOT REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...
KRAK
KRIK
"ALREADY"!? YOU SPENT TWO WHOLE WEEKS RECOVERING FROM YOUR INJURIES!
YOU HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF WORK WAITING FOR YOU!
MR. CARLISLE!
GLARE
I EXPECT YOU TO WORK TWICE AS HARD AS USUAL IN ORDER TO CATCH UP!!
Sigh
Giggle
Giggle
SHFT
HM!?
MR. CARLISLE?
STAY BACK...

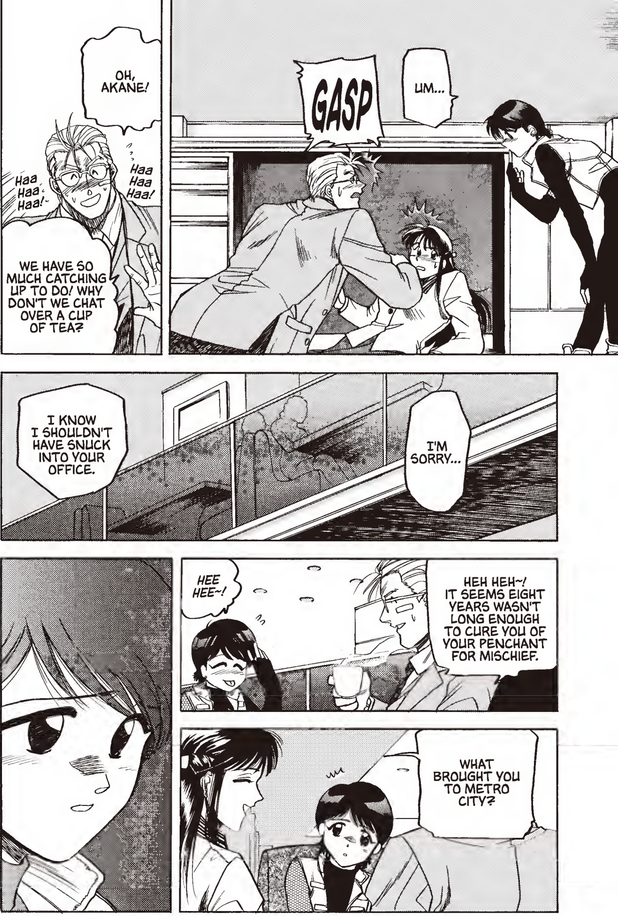

!
THROW
ビ!!!
THERE!!
PING
KRASH
OW!!
WHOA!
MR. CARLISLE ...?
Peek

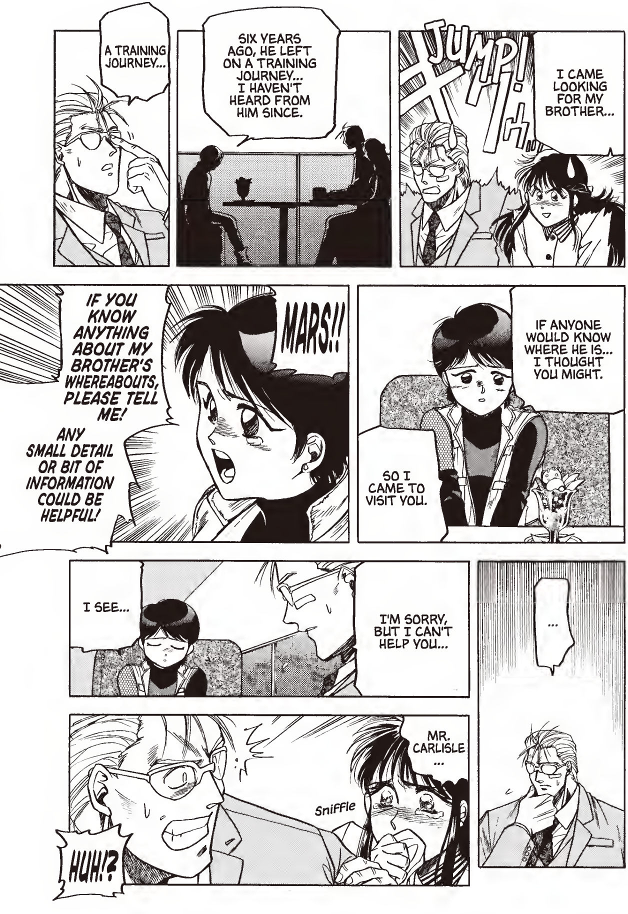

OWWW... MY BUM...
HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH MY HIDING TECHNIQUE...
Awkward pause

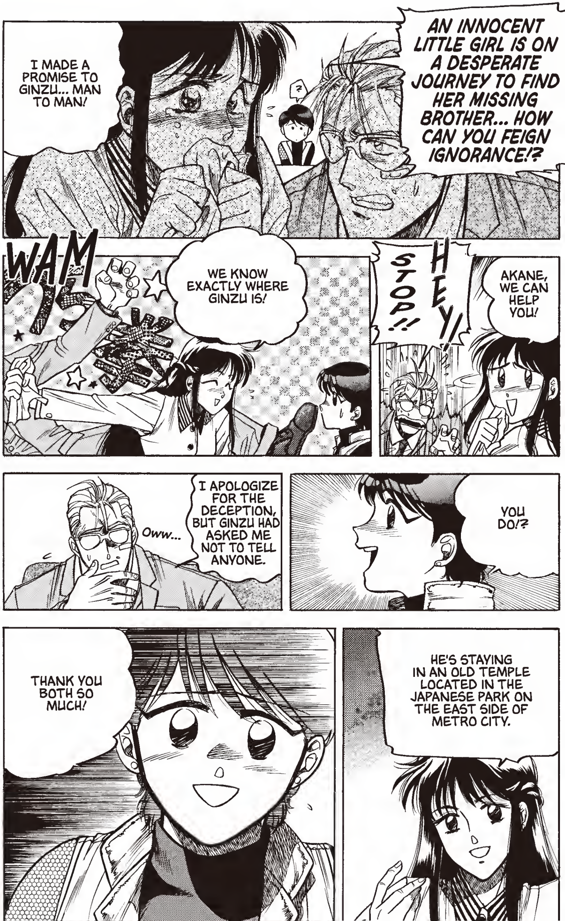

ガ
POUNCE
MARS!!
ばっ
!?
ER... UH...
Squeeze
IT HAS BEEN FAR TOO LONG, MARS!
Whine
MR. CARLISLE ...?
WAIT! YOU'RE ...
AKANE ....!?
NOD

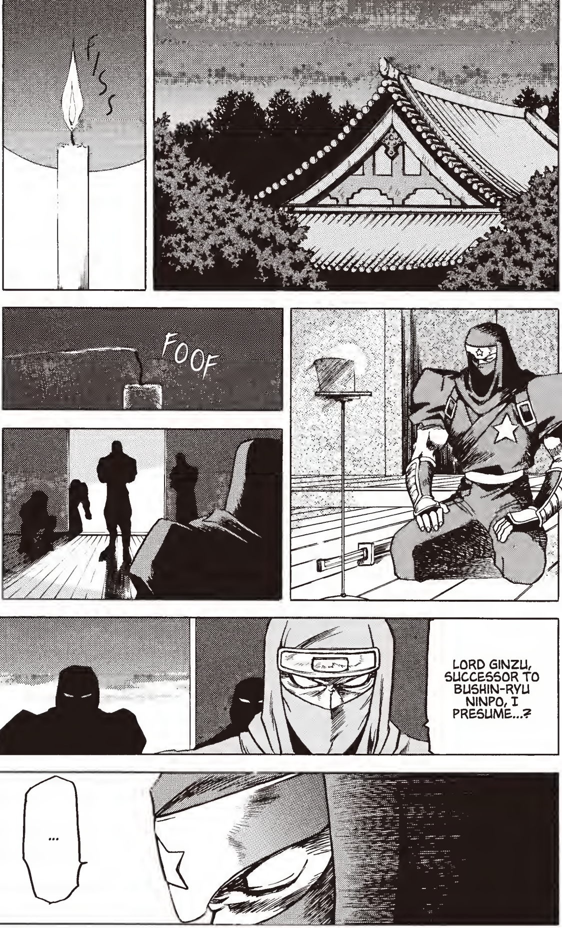

LUNGE!
GET OFF OF MR. CARLISLE!!
GRRR!
HIDES
MR. CARLISLE! JUST WHO IS THIS GIRL!?
ER... WELL...
Ahem
RUSH
I AM AKANE TAKEGAMI.
I AM A KUNOICHI OF THE BUSHIN-RYU.
RUSH
Eep!
BU...
BUSHIN-RYU!?
YANK
?
WHISH
MR. CARLISLE, IS THAT GIRL ASSOCIATED WITH GINZU IN SOME WAY...?
SHH!!
DON'T LET HER HEAR YOU! THE TRUTH IS, AKANE IS GINZU'S YOUNGER SISTER.

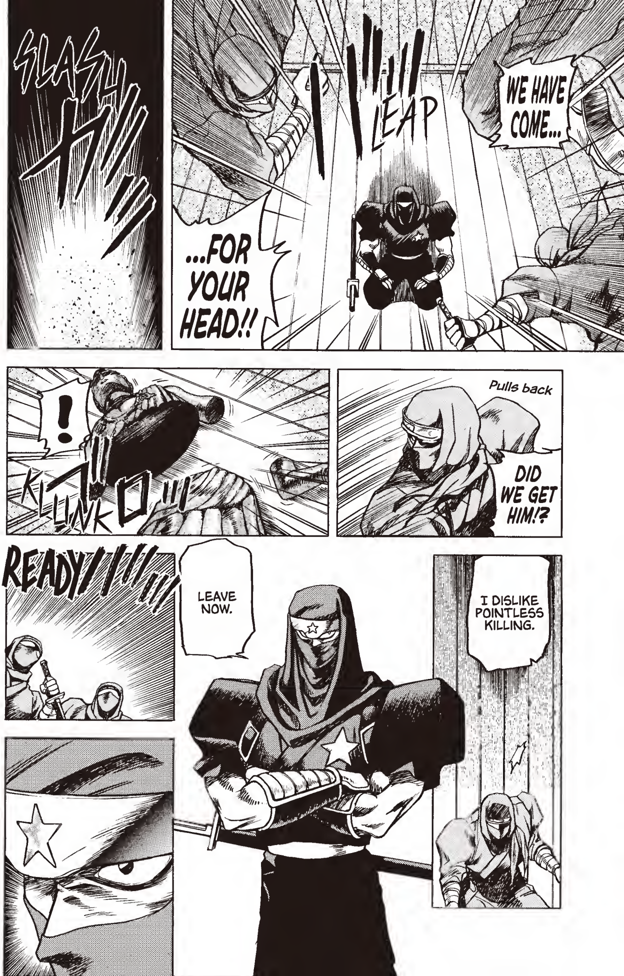

SHOVE
YOUNGER SIST...!?
MFF MA-MFF!!
SHH!
MF!
DON'T TELL AKANE THAT WE'VE HAD CONTACT WITH GINZU!
Thorny and unfriendly
Cute and fluffy
...
IF ANYONE COMES AROUND ASKING FOR ME, I REQUEST THAT YOU NOT REVEAL MY WHEREABOUTS... NO MATTER WHO IT IS.
I UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE BEING PURSUED BY LOAN SHARKS, AREN'T YOU?
IT WAS JUST A JOKE...
Spurt
I'm still recovering from my injuries, you know...
JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT ME!

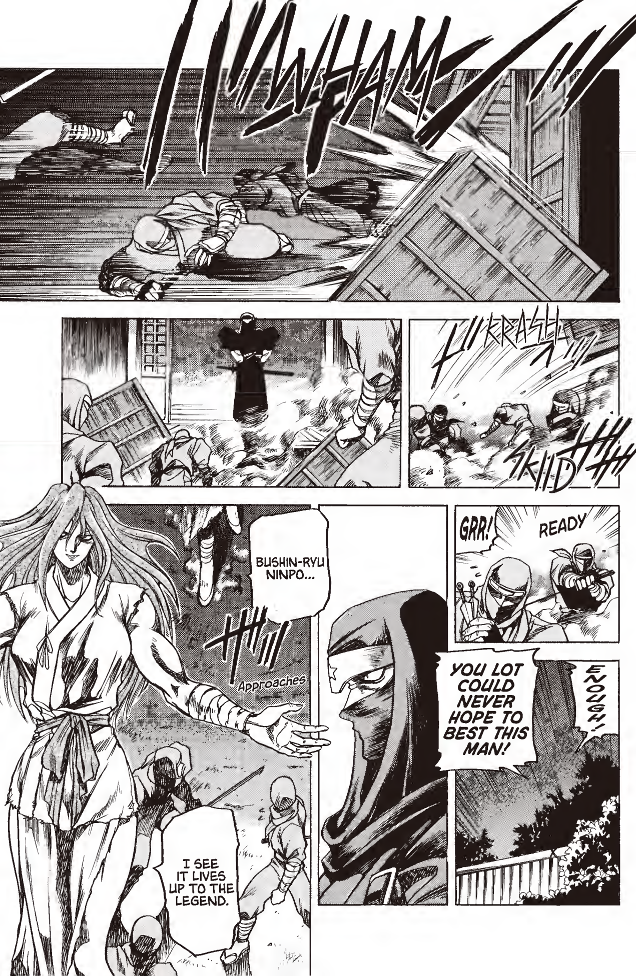

UM...
GASP
OH, AKANE!
Haa Haa Haa!
Haa Haa Haa!
WE HAVE SO MUCH CATCHING UP TO DO! WHY DON'T WE CHAT OVER A CUP OF TEA?
I'M SORRY...
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T HAVE SNUCK INTO YOUR OFFICE.
HEH HEH~! IT SEEMS EIGHT YEARS WASN'T LONG ENOUGH TO CURE YOU OF YOUR PENCHANT FOR MISCHIEF.
HEE HEE~!
WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO METRO CITY?

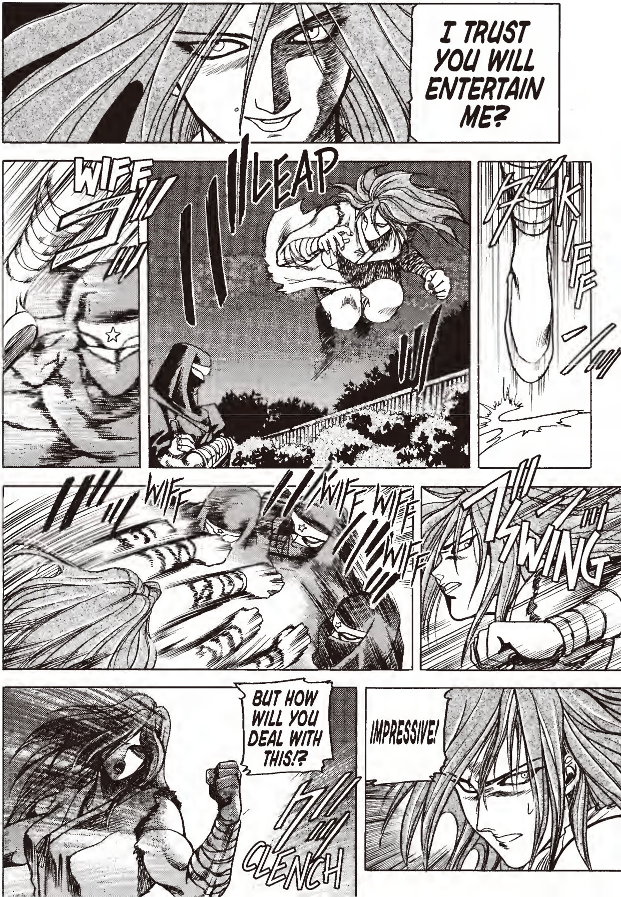

JUMP!
I CAME LOOKING FOR MY BROTHER...
SIX YEARS AGO, HE LEFT ON A TRAINING JOURNEY... I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.
A TRAINING JOURNEY...
IF ANYONE WOULD KNOW WHERE HE IS... I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT.
SO I CAME TO VISIT YOU.
MARS!!
IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MY BROTHER'S WHEREABOUTS, PLEASE TELL ME!
ANY SMALL DETAIL OR BIT OF INFORMATION COULD BE HELPFUL!
...
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU...
I SEE...
MR. CARLISLE...
Sniffle
HUH!?


AN INNOCENT LITTLE GIRL IS ON A DESPERATE JOURNEY TO FIND HER MISSING BROTHER... HOW CAN YOU FEIGN IGNORANCE!?
?
I MADE A PROMISE TO GINZU... MAN TO MAN!
HEY!!
STOP!!
AKANE, WE CAN HELP YOU!
WAM
WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE GINZU IS!
YOU DO!?
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DECEPTION, BUT GINZU HAD ASKED ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE.
Oww...
HE'S STAYING IN AN OLD TEMPLE LOCATED IN THE JAPANESE PARK ON THE EAST SIDE OF METRO CITY.
THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH!


FISS
FOOF
LORD GINZU, SUCCESSOR TO BUSHIN-RYU NINPO, I PRESUME...?
...


WE HAVE COME...
LEAP
...FOR YOUR HEAD!!
SLASH
Pulls back
DID WE GET HIM!?
!
KLLINK
I DISLIKE POINTLESS KILLING.
LEAVE NOW.
READY


WHAM
KRASH
SKID
GRR!
READY
ENOUGH!
YOU LOT COULD NEVER HOPE TO BEST THIS MAN!
BUSHIN-RYU NINPO...
Approaches
I SEE IT LIVES UP TO THE LEGEND.


I TRUST YOU WILL ENTERTAIN ME?
KIFF
LEAP
WIFF
SWING
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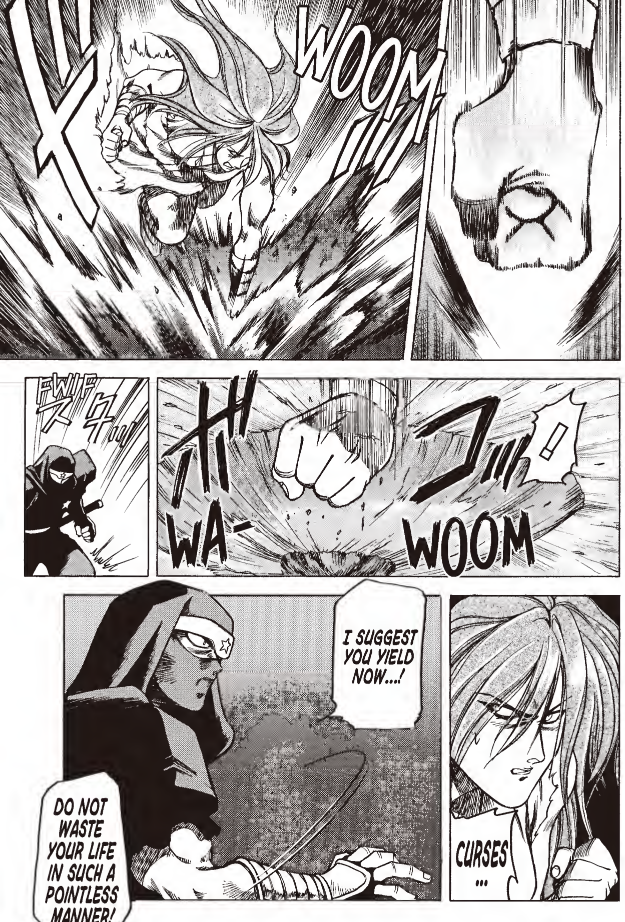
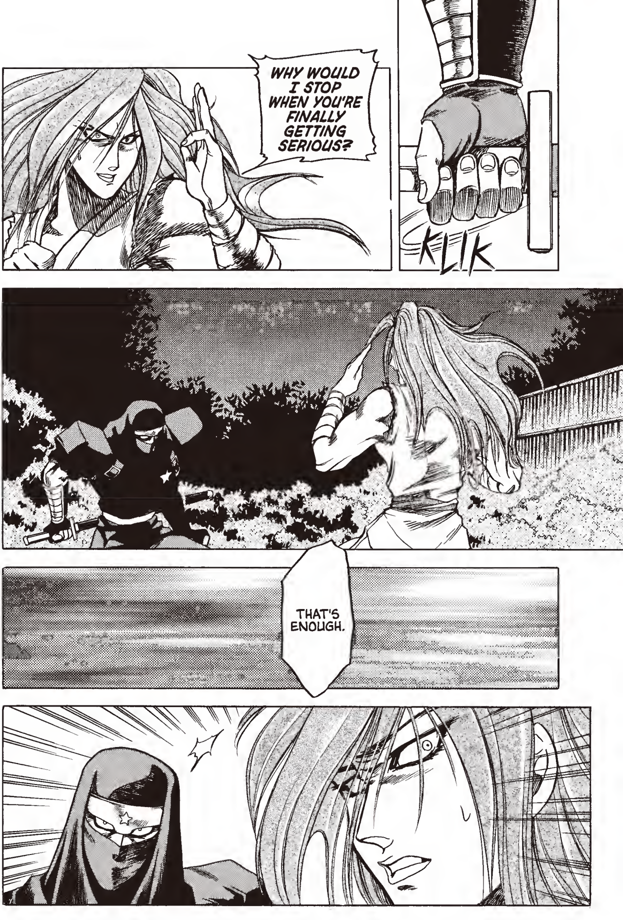
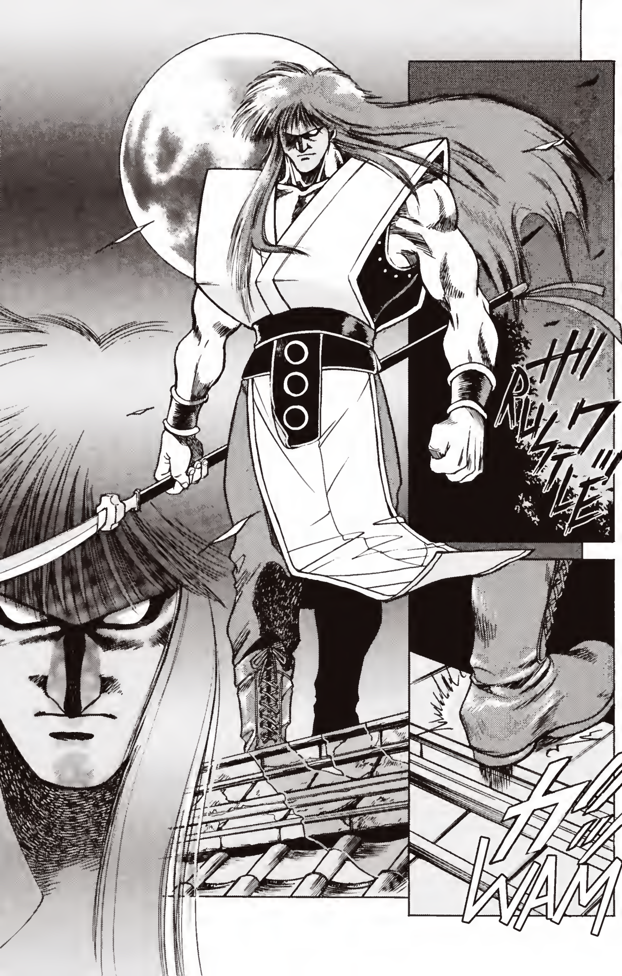
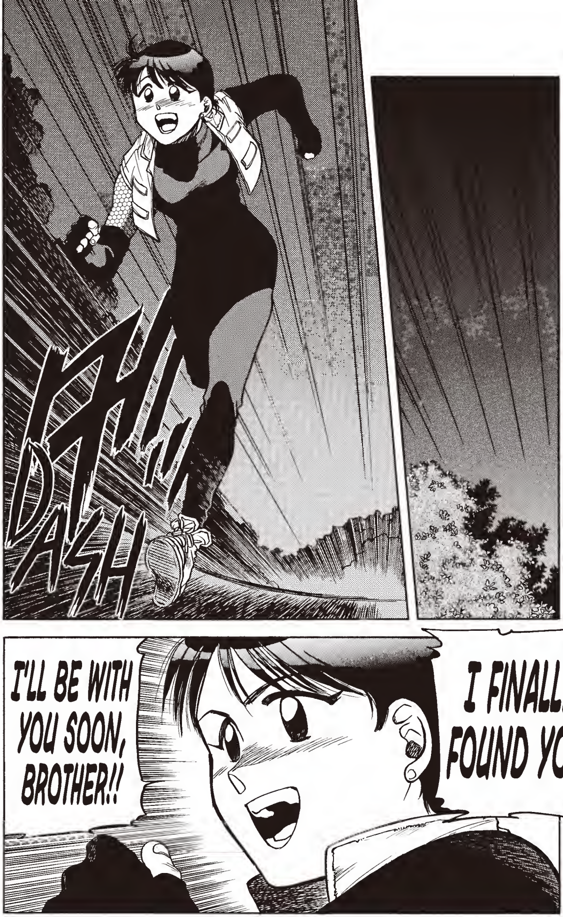
WIFF
WIFF
IMPRESSIVE!
BUT HOW WILL YOU DEAL WITH THIS!?
CLENCH

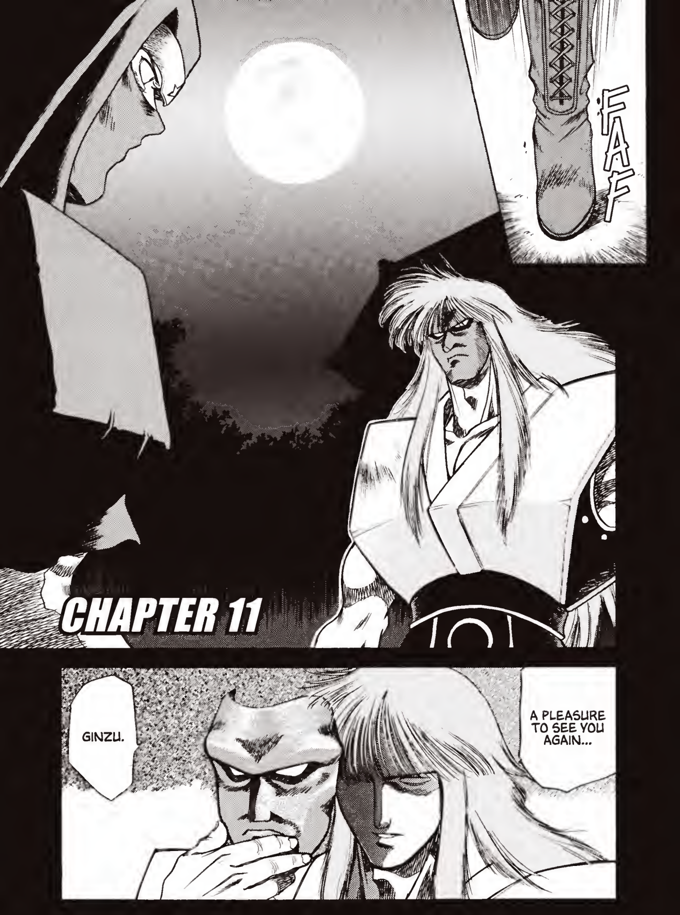

WOOM
FWIP
WA-WOOM
CURSES...
I SUGGEST YOU YIELD NOW...!
DO NOT WASTE YOUR LIFE IN SUCH A POINTLESS MANNER!

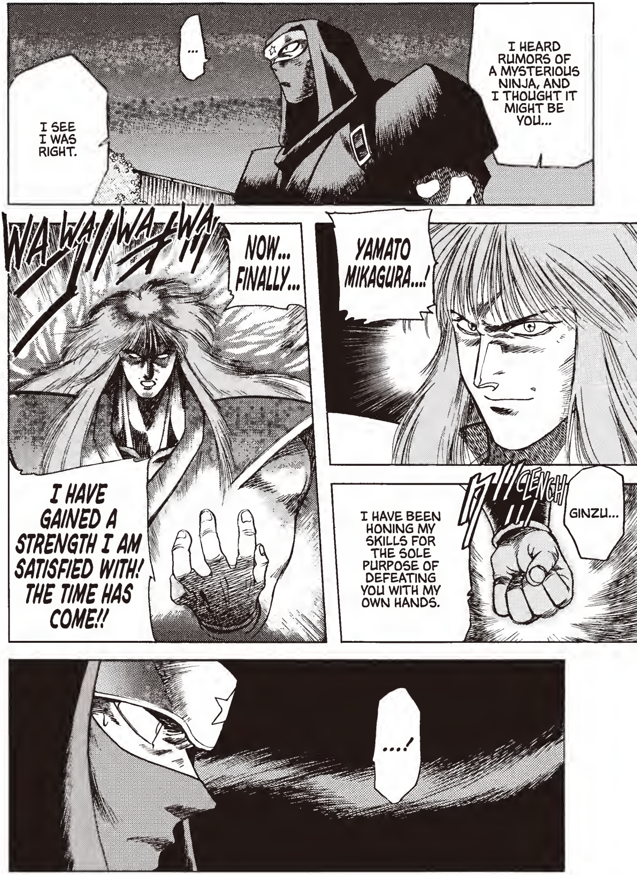

KLIK
WHY WOULD I STOP WHEN YOU'RE FINALLY GETTING SERIOUS?
THAT'S ENOUGH.

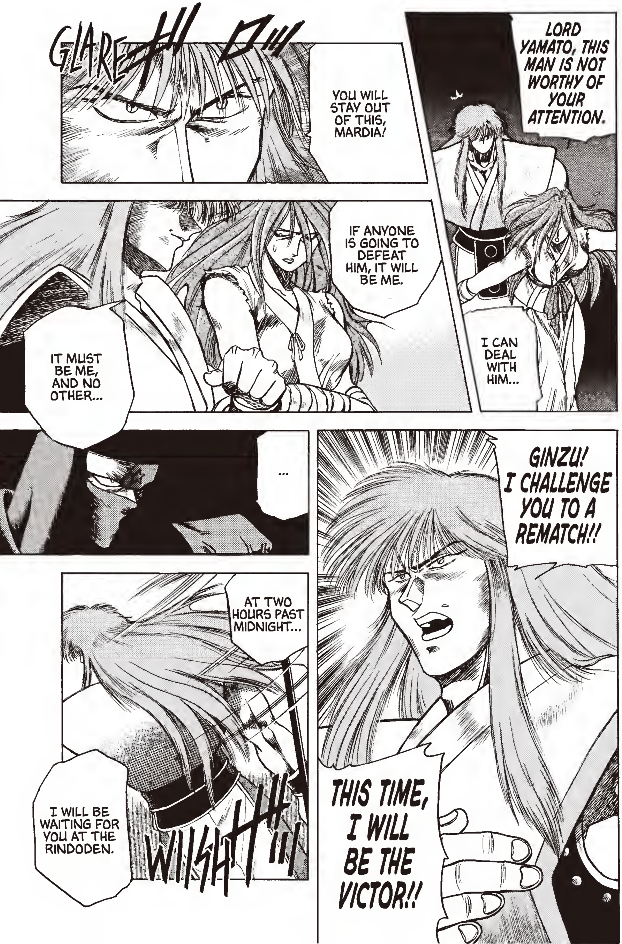

ザワ゛
RUSTLE
ガッ
WAM

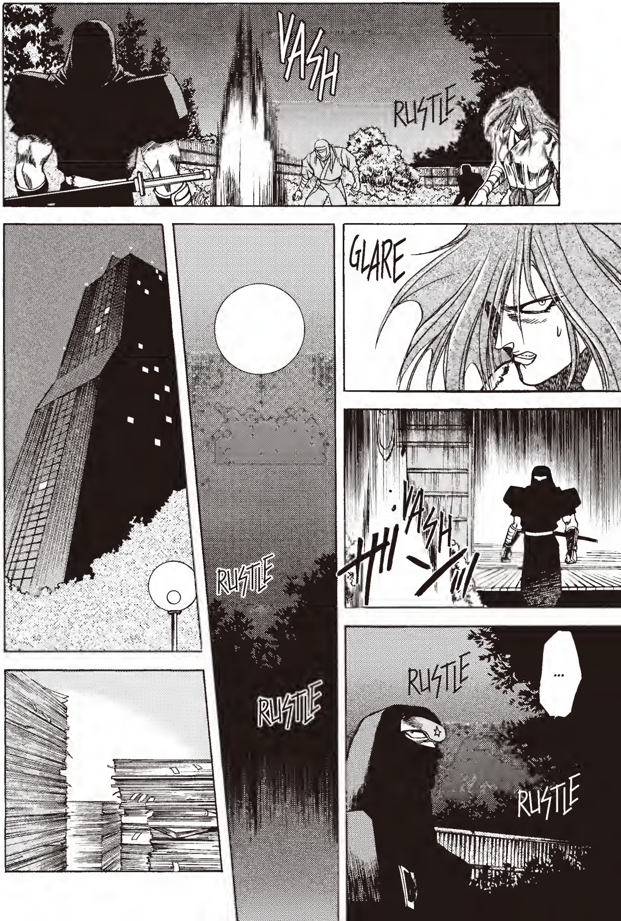

DASH
I FINALLY FOUND YOU!
I'LL BE WITH YOU SOON, BROTHER!!

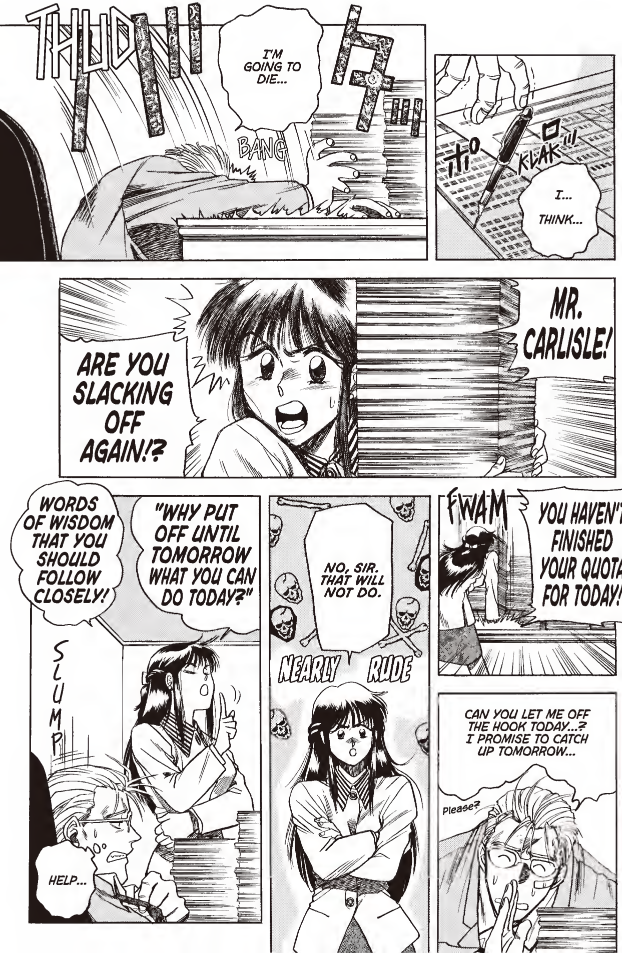
CHAPTER 11

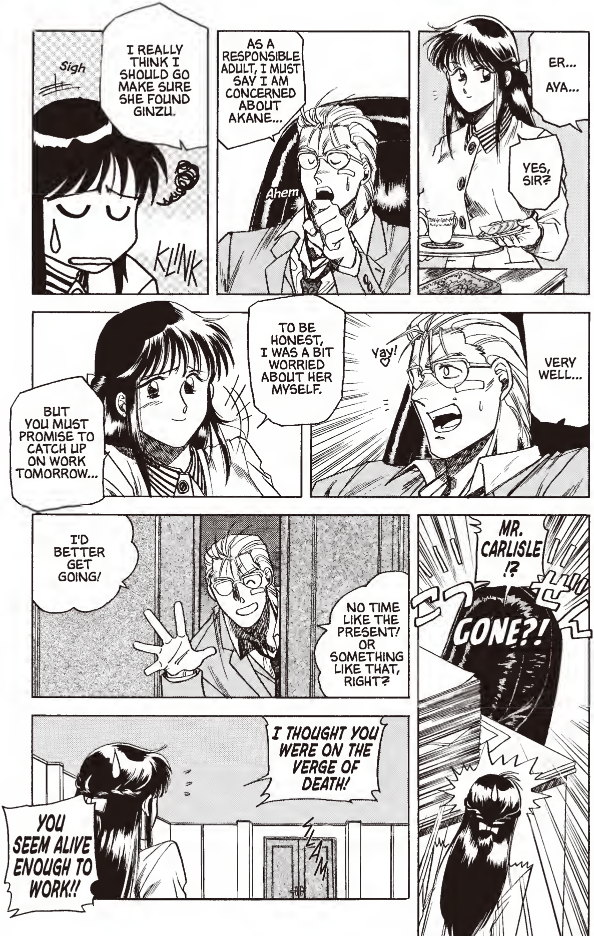

FAF
A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
GINZU.

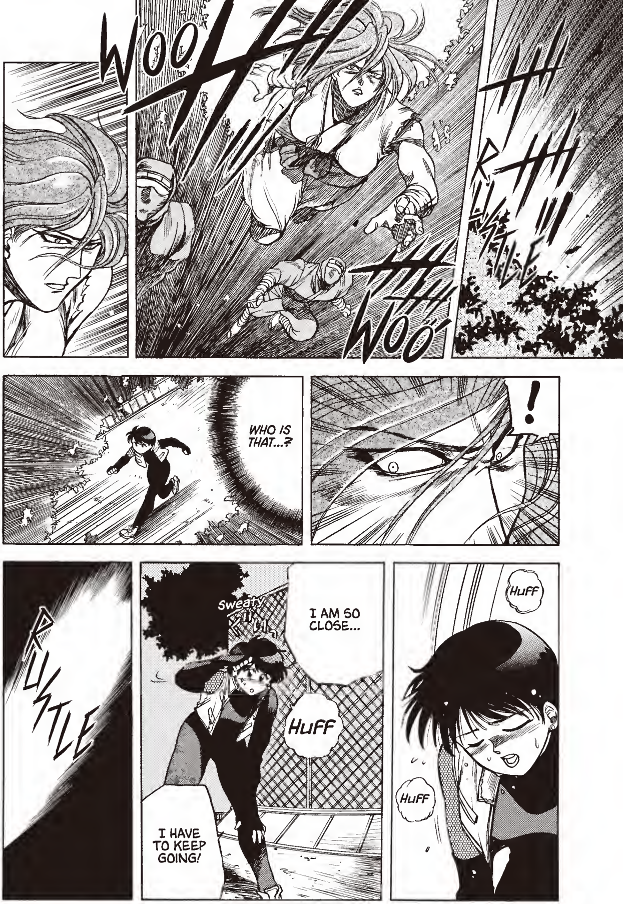

I HEARD RUMORS OF A MYSTERIOUS NINJA, AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE YOU...
...
I SEE I WAS RIGHT.
YAMATO MIKAGURA...!
GINZU...
I HAVE BEEN HONING MY SKILLS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DEFEATING YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS.
CLENCH
WA WA WA WA
NOW... FINALLY...
I HAVE GAINED A STRENGTH I AM SATISFIED WITH! THE TIME HAS COME!!
....!

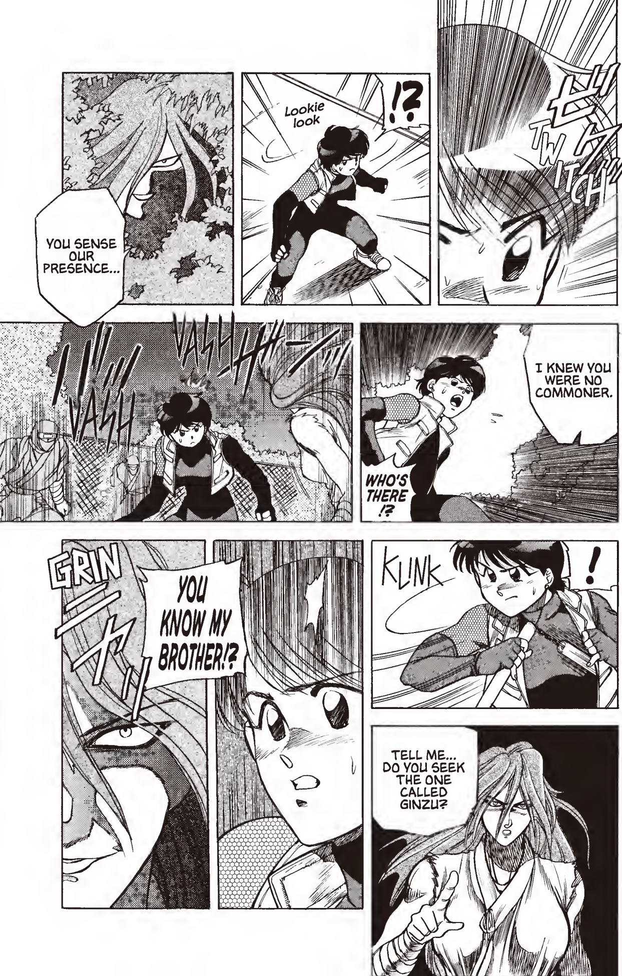

LORD YAMATO, THIS MAN IS NOT WORTHY OF YOUR ATTENTION.
I CAN DEAL WITH HIM...
GLARE
YOU WILL STAY OUT OF THIS, MARDIA!
IF ANYONE IS GOING TO DEFEAT HIM, IT WILL BE ME.
IT MUST BE ME, AND NO OTHER...
GINZU! I CHALLENGE YOU TO A REMATCH!!
THIS TIME, I WILL BE THE VICTOR!!
...
AT TWO HOURS PAST MIDNIGHT...
I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE RINDODEN.
WHSH!!!

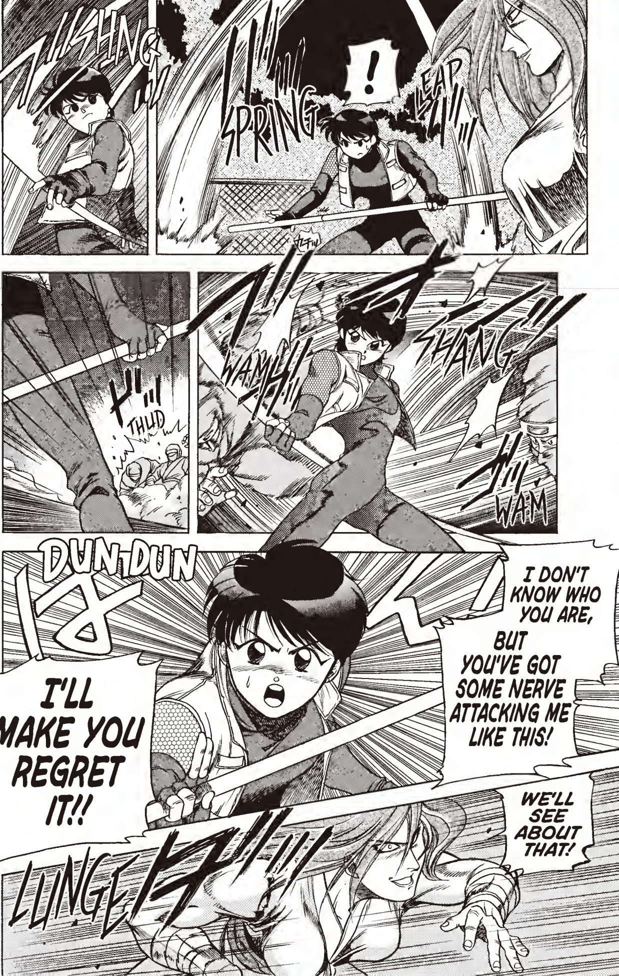

VASH
RUSTLE
GLARE
VASH
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

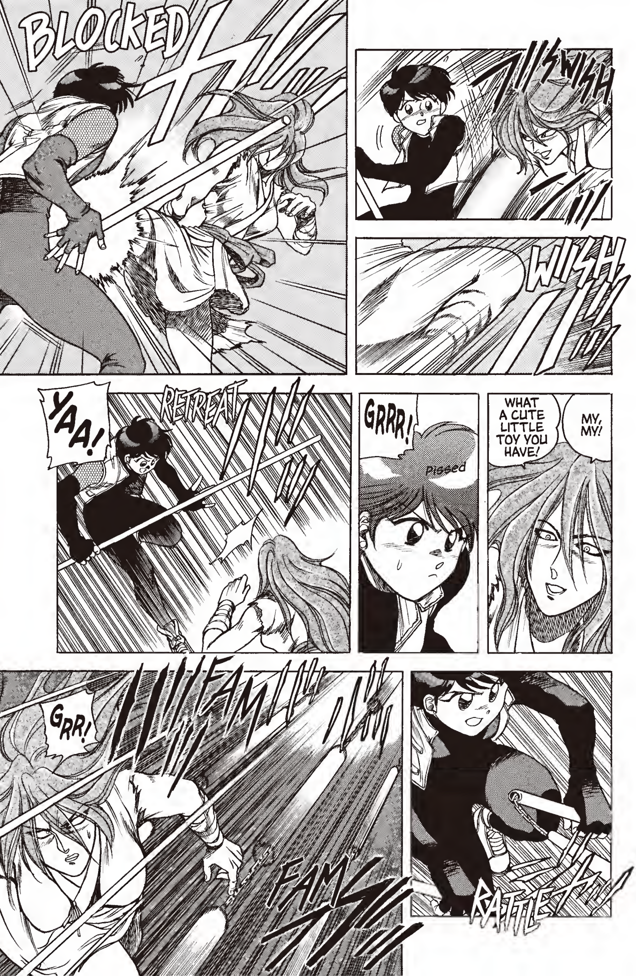

ポロ
KLAK
I... THINK...
THUD
I'M GOING TO DIE...
カタ
BANG
MR. CARLISLE!
ARE YOU SLACKING OFF AGAIN!?
FWAM
YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR QUOTA FOR TODAY!
CAN YOU LET ME OFF THE HOOK TODAY...? I PROMISE TO CATCH UP TOMORROW...
Please?
NO, SIR. THAT WILL NOT DO.
NEARLY
RUDE
"WHY PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY?"
WORDS OF WISDOM THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW CLOSELY!
SLUMP
HELP...

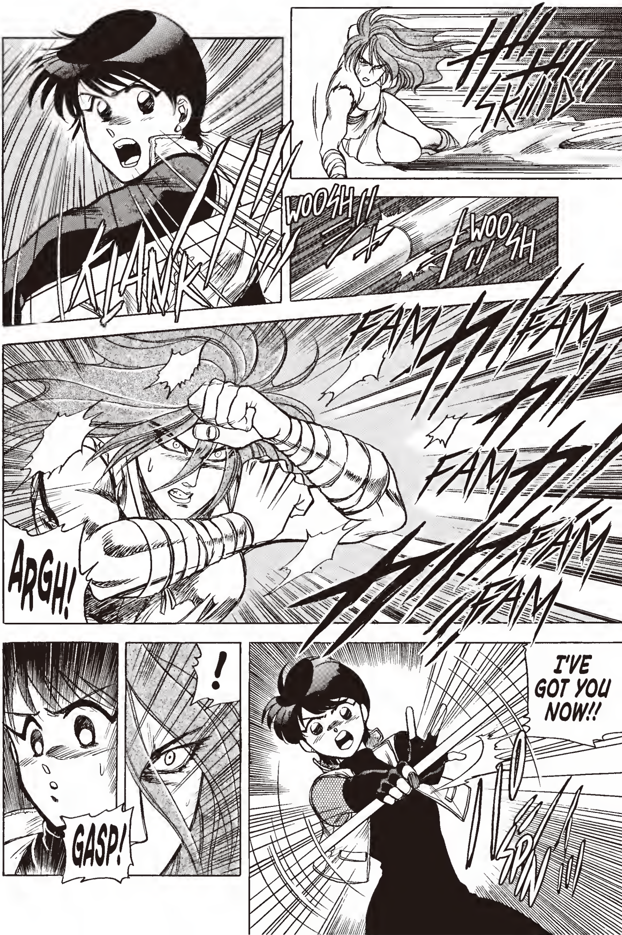

ER...
AYA...
YES, SIR?
AS A RESPONSIBLE ADULT, I MUST SAY I AM CONCERNED ABOUT AKANE...
Ahem
I REALLY THINK I SHOULD GO MAKE SURE SHE FOUND GINZU.
Sigh
KLINK
VERY WELL...
Yay! ♡
TO BE HONEST, I WAS A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HER MYSELF.
BUT YOU MUST PROMISE TO CATCH UP ON WORK TOMORROW...
I'D BETTER GET GOING!
NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT! OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
MR. CARLISLE !?
GONE?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH!
YOU SEEM ALIVE ENOUGH TO WORK!!
SLAM

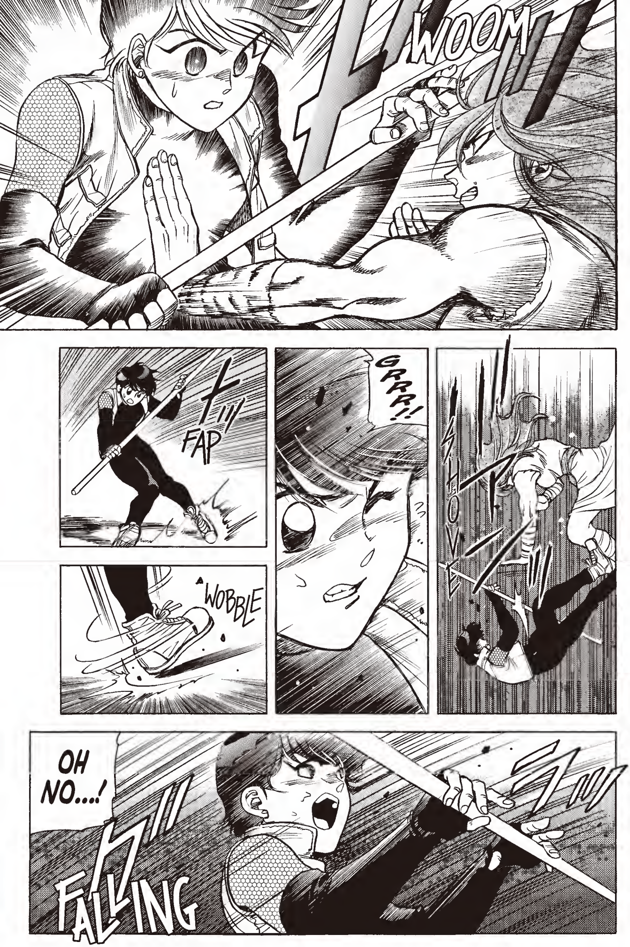

RUSTLE
WOOHH
WOOHH
!
WHO IS THAT...?
Huff
Huff
I AM SO CLOSE...
Sweaty
Huff
I HAVE TO KEEP GOING!
RUSTLE

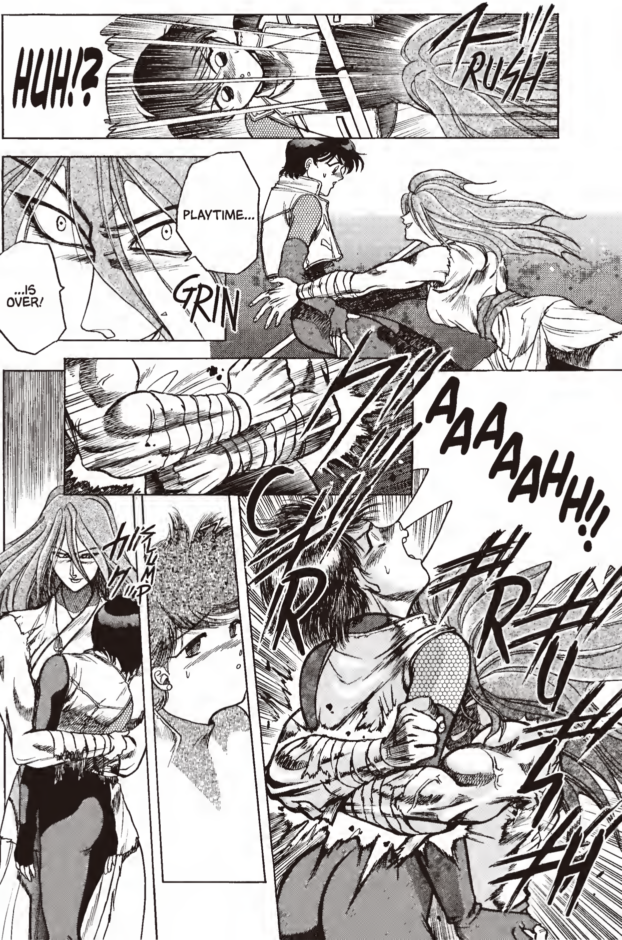

ピクッ
TWITCH
!?
Lookie look
YOU SENSE OUR PRESENCE...
I KNEW YOU WERE NO COMMONER.
WHO'S THERE !?
VASH
VASH
KLINK
!
TELL ME... DO YOU SEEK THE ONE CALLED GINZU?
YOU KNOW MY BROTHER!?
GRIN
ニヤッ

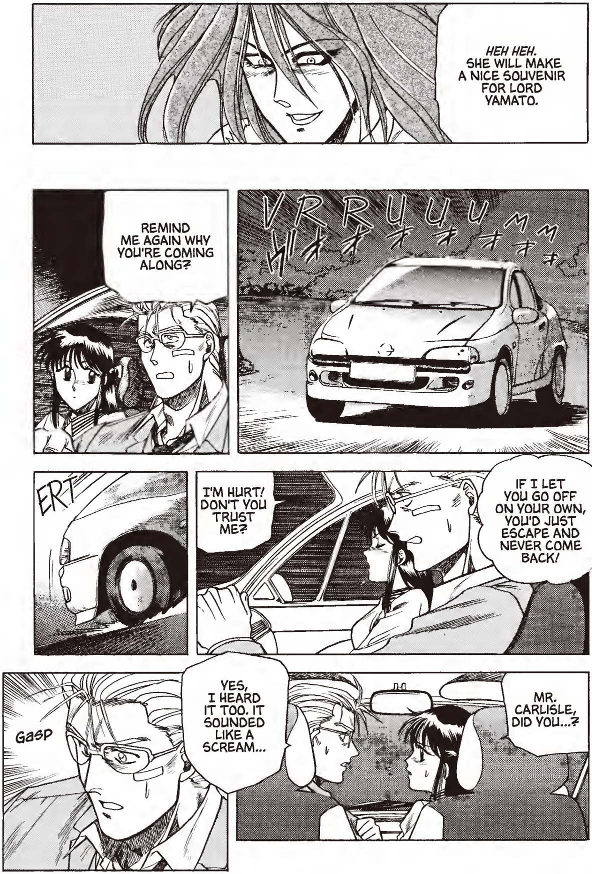

LEAP
!
SPRING
ZWISHNG
SHANG
WAMSH
WAM
THUD
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE ATTACKING ME LIKE THIS!
DUN DUN
は
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT!!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
LUNGE

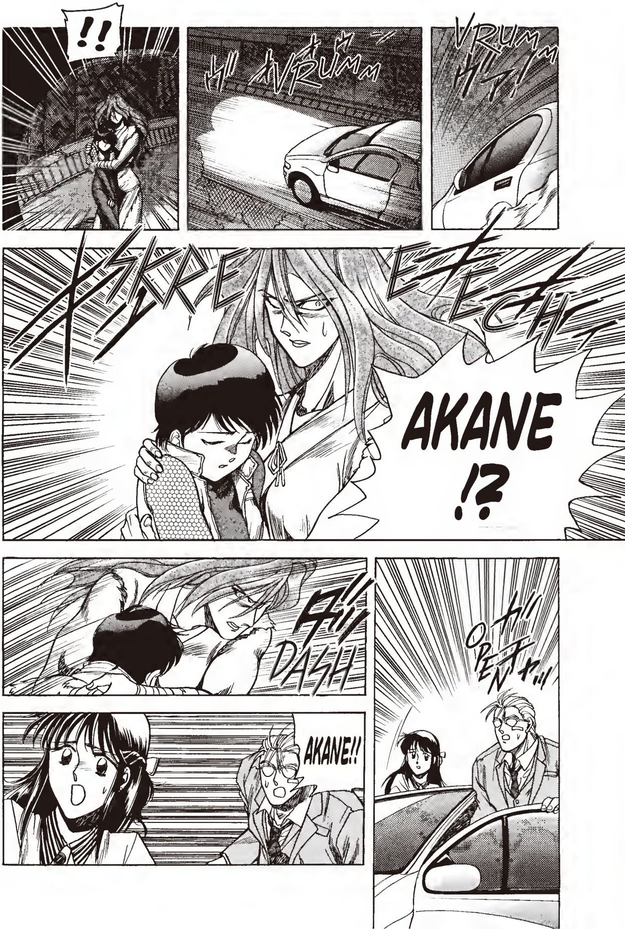

SWISH
WISH
BLOCKED
MY, MY!
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE TOY YOU HAVE!
GRRR!
Pissed
YAA!
RETREAT
RATTLE
FAM
GRR!
FAM

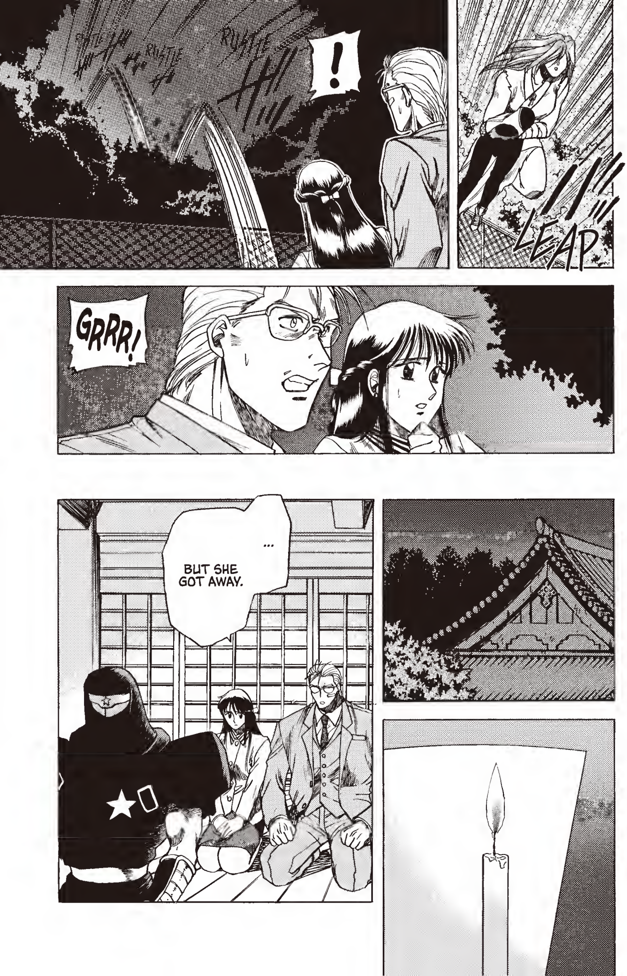

SKRIIID!!
WOOSH!!
WOOSH
KLANK!!
FAM FAM FAM FAM FAM
ARGH!
I'VE GOT YOU NOW!!
SPN
!
GASP!

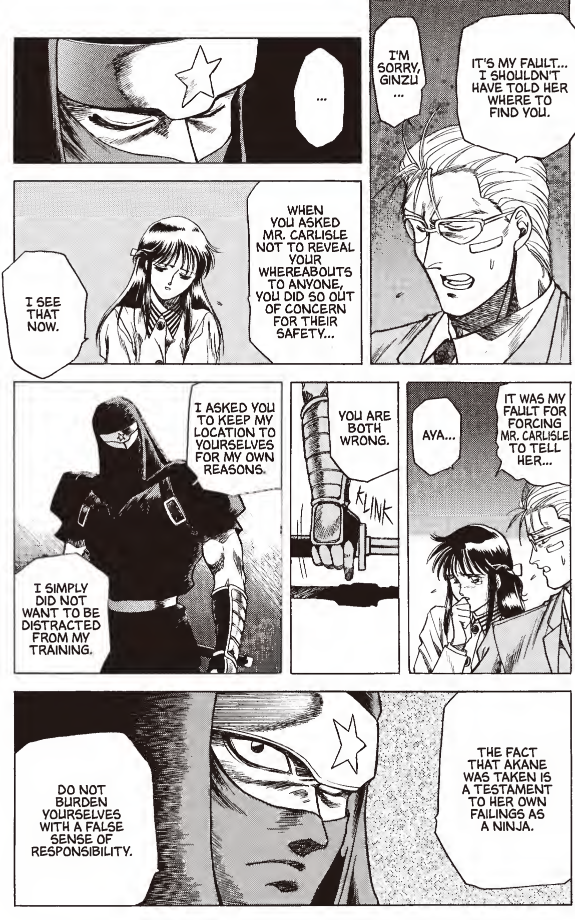

WOOM
SHOVE
GRRR!!
FAP
WOBBLE
OH NO...!
FALLING

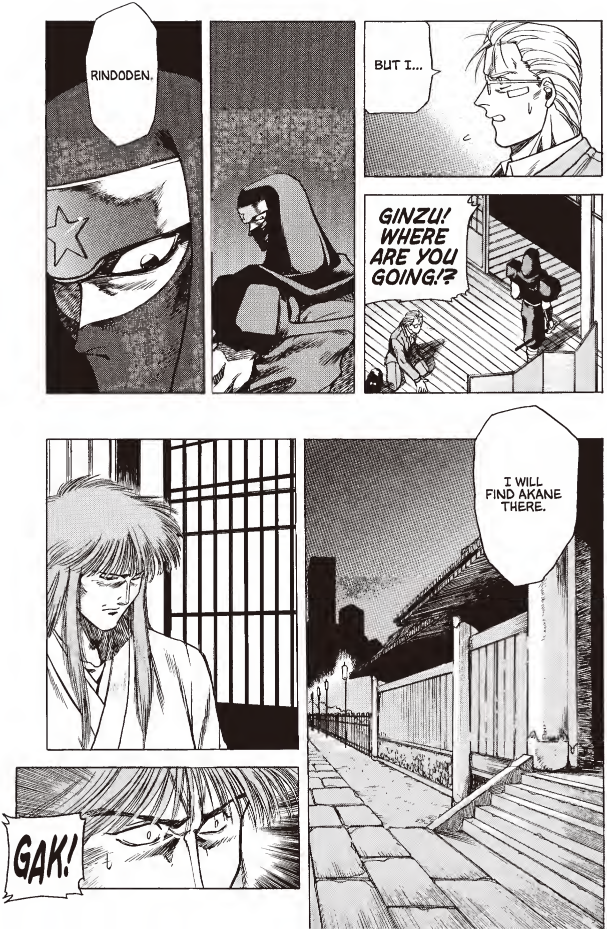

RUSH
HUH!?
PLAYTIME...
...IS OVER!
GRIN
AAAAAHH!!
CHR
FRUSHSHH
SLUMP

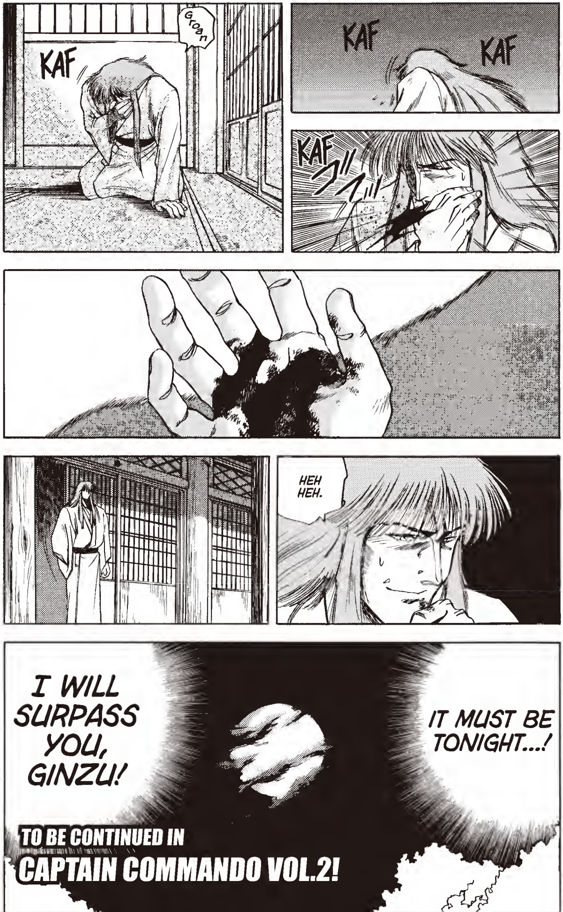

HEH HEH. SHE WILL MAKE A NICE SOUVENIR FOR LORD YAMATO.
REMIND ME AGAIN WHY YOU'RE COMING ALONG?
VRRUUUMMM
ERT
I'M HURT! DON'T YOU TRUST ME?
IF I LET YOU GO OFF ON YOUR OWN, YOU'D JUST ESCAPE AND NEVER COME BACK!
Gasp
MR. CARLISLE, DID YOU...?
YES, I HEARD IT TOO. IT SOUNDED LIKE A SCREAM...


VRUMM
VRUMM
!!
SKREEECH
AKANE !?
OPEN
DASH
AKANE!!


LEAP
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
!
GRRR!
...
BUT SHE GOT AWAY.


...
I'M SORRY, GINZU...
IT'S MY FAULT... I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HER WHERE TO FIND YOU.
WHEN YOU ASKED MR. CARLISLE NOT TO REVEAL YOUR WHEREABOUTS TO ANYONE, YOU DID SO OUT OF CONCERN FOR THEIR SAFETY...
I SEE THAT NOW.
IT WAS MY FAULT FOR FORCING MR. CARLISLE TO TELL HER...
AYA...
YOU ARE BOTH WRONG.
KLINK
I ASKED YOU TO KEEP MY LOCATION TO YOURSELVES FOR MY OWN REASONS.
I SIMPLY DID NOT WANT TO BE DISTRACTED FROM MY TRAINING.
THE FACT THAT AKANE WAS TAKEN IS A TESTAMENT TO HER OWN FAILINGS AS A NINJA.
DO NOT BURDEN YOURSELVES WITH A FALSE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.


BUT I...
GINZU! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
RINDODEN.
I WILL FIND AKANE THERE.
GAK!


Groan
KAF
KAF
KAF
KAF
ゴフッ
HEH HEH.
I WILL SURPASS YOU, GINZU!
IT MUST BE TONIGHT...!
TO BE CONTINUED IN
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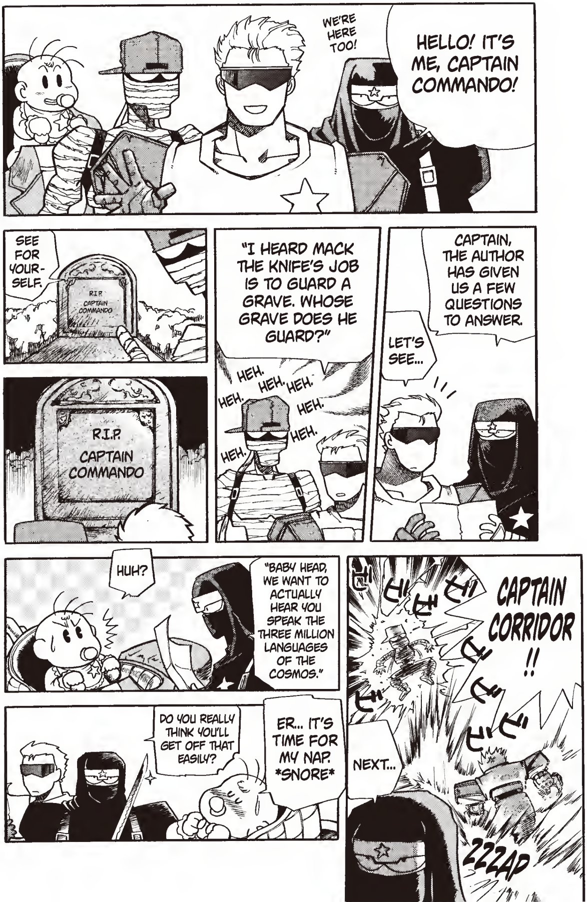
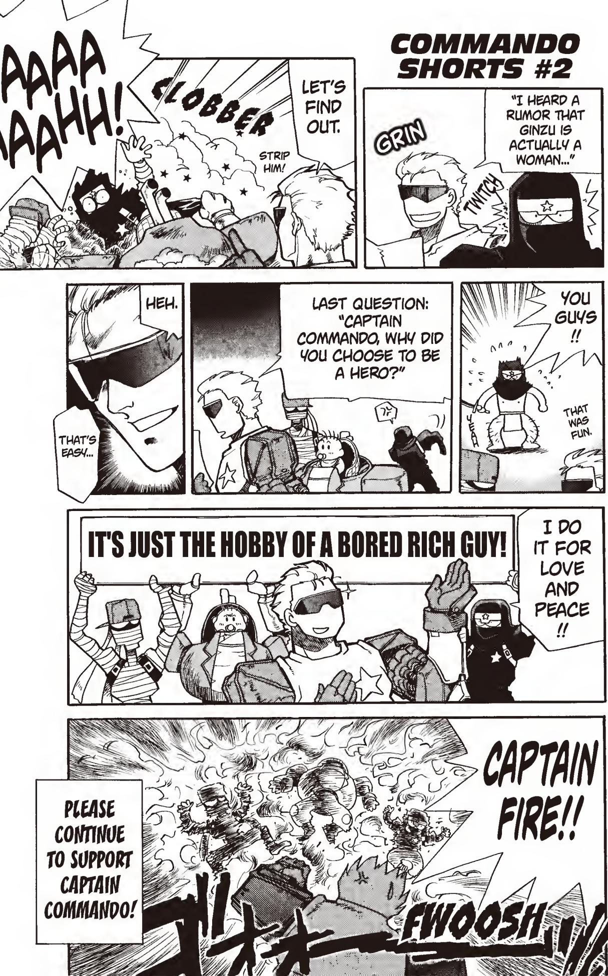
COMMANDO SHORTS #1


HELLO! IT'S ME, CAPTAIN COMMANDO!
WE'RE HERE TOO!
CAPTAIN, THE AUTHOR HAS GIVEN US A FEW QUESTIONS TO ANSWER.
LET'S SEE...
"I HEARD MACK THE KNIFE'S JOB IS TO GUARD A GRAVE. WHOSE GRAVE DOES HE GUARD?"
HEH. HEH. HEH. HEH. HEH. HEH. HEH.
SEE FOR YOURSELF.
R.I.P. CAPTAIN COMMANDO
R.I.P. CAPTAIN COMMANDO
CAPTAIN CORRIDOR!!
ビビビビビビビビビ
NEXT...
ZZZAP
"BABY HEAD, WE WANT TO ACTUALLY HEAR YOU SPEAK THE THREE MILLION LANGUAGES OF THE COSMOS."
HUH?
ER... IT'S TIME FOR MY NAP. *SNORE*
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'LL GET OFF THAT EASILY?

COMMANDO SHORTS #2


"I HEARD A RUMOR THAT GINZU IS ACTUALLY A WOMAN..."
GRIN
TWITCH
LET'S FIND OUT.
STRIP HIM!
CLOBBER
AAAAAAAHH!
YOU GUYS!!
YEAH
THAT WAS FUN.
LAST QUESTION: "CAPTAIN COMMANDO, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE A HERO?"
HEH.
THAT'S EASY...
I DO IT FOR LOVE AND PEACE!!
IT'S JUST THE HOBBY OF A BORED RICH GUY!
CAPTAIN FIRE!!
FWOOSH
PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CAPTAIN COMMANDO!
]

Thank you for taking the time to read volume 1 of "Captain Commando". By the way, do you happen to like Tendon? I've noticed that there are bowls of Tendon scattered about everywhere in the Captain Commando game. I never really paid much attention to the other food items that are also available, but I just can't get over the Tendon. I've investigated countless drumcans, wood boxes, and deposit boxes only to find perfect little bowls of Tendon waiting for me inside. I can only imagine the look on the Captain's face as he peers down at these inexplicable bowls of deliciousness. Does he even stop to ponder these miraculously edible items? Or does he dig in without a second thought? Does he eat them with chopsticks? Does he eat while he's fighting? So many unanswered questions... (Perhaps it's time for me to buy an arcade machine for my private use.)

Now, the bowls of Tendon are certainly a mystery for the ages, but there's something else that's always bothered me... The Captain does not have an animation for seeking out the enemy. Even Ginzu, who apparently suffers from a disability that prohibits him from turning his head, will swing his whole body to-and-fro in search of his next target. I think programming one additional animation for the Captain would have been well within the scope of the hardware's capabilities. Indeed, so many unanswered questions... (Oh look, the average price for a used arcade machine has finally dropped below 100,000 yen.) Anyway, this monologue is clearly not going anywhere so I should probably quit while I'm ahead.

I'd like to use what little space I have left here to offer my sincerest thanks to Capcom, Tabuchi, and everyone at Shinseisho. Thank you all for everything! I promise to keep doing my best, so I hope you'll bear with me... Of course, I also have a very very big thank you saved up for you, the reader. The story's not over yet, so I hope you'll keep reading along with us. Until next time!

KOTOMI TOBASHI
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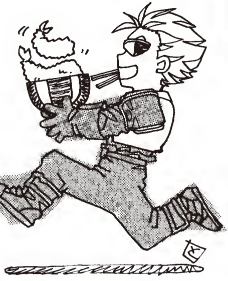


Yo! It's-a me, Tabuchi! We had to jump through a few hoops, but we've finally managed to get volume 1 of "Captain Commando" into your hands.

When I was first approached about doing the writing for this manga, I was still just a newbie writer at Gamest. One day, without warning, I was asked if I'd like to write for a Captain Commando manga. I'm not sure if this decision on Gamest's part would best be described as adventurous or just plain crazy, but I accepted and I'm glad I did. It wasn't an easy decision for me at the time though, as I didn't technically know how to write for a manga, and my skill with the game in question was devastating to say the least.

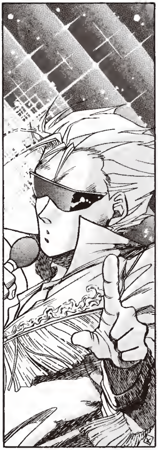
Regardless of my insecurities, I had accepted and there was no turning back. What followed was a dark time in my life full of many battles and few victories as I tried putting pen to paper. I brainstormed most of my ideas while riding the subway or ignoring my professors at university (I'm not kidding). Even now, I feel like I should be doing a better job.

I honestly put Tobashi through so much. I tend to write whatever I write, without any consideration as to how it might be visualized (or how hard it might be to do so). I honestly feel bad, I do. I don't even want to think about what the nice folks over at Capcom must think of me when they're going over my story proposals.

The game has come to mean so much to me, so I intend to put in the time to digest all it has to offer, which will hopefully result in more passionate story writing.

KENKOU TABUCHI
(I'M THE BIG SISTER!)

CAPTAIN COMMANDO™



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